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SOUTHEAST FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Mike's Place
Douglas, Alaska
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9:00 o'clock a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Thomas, Chairman
Lonnie Anderson
Bert Adams
Millie Stevens
Michael Douville
Butch Laiti
Dolly Garza
Mary Rudolph
Floyd Kookesh
Patricia Phillips
Richard Stokes
Vicki L. LeCornu
Marilyn Wilson
Fred Clark, Regional Coordinator

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Good morning everybody, I
4 got 9:00 o'clock straight up. Where did we break
5 yesterday, Fred?

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7 MR. CLARK: Where did we break yesterday
8 Dave?

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10 MR. JOHNSON: We broke yesterday, Mr.
11 Chairman, we finished at No. 9 and we're starting on No.
12 10.

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14 MR. CLARK: So we're almost done.

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16 MS. WILSON: No, we didn't, we finished
17 with eight.

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19 MR. JOHNSON: See they remembered, yes.

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21 MR. CLARK: We finished eight.

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23 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. We had a request
26 to shuffle the agenda around this morning and the request
27 was made by some VIPs and so we're going to do that. So if
28 you guys would kindly vacate the table and make room for
29 Robert Schroeder and Company.

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31 MR. JOHNSON: You bet.

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33 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, while they're
34 doing that.....

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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38 MR. ADAMS: On Proposal No. 10, I've been
39 trying to get someone from SeaAlaska to come over and
40 address the overselection thing. I'm wondering, it looks
41 like we're going through the agenda pretty well and I'm
42 wondering if we'll be done here today.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We'll be done with the
45 proposals. We still got more agenda to do.

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47 MR. ADAMS: Will we be extending into
48 tomorrow?

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Probably.

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1 MR. ADAMS: Because there is one guy who
2 will be able to come over but he won't be able to do it
3 until tomorrow morning.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, thank you.

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7 MR. ADAMS: All right, thank you.

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is Bob in?

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11 MR. ANDERSON: He was here a minute ago.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is Bob not here?

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15 MR. CLARK: He's here. He was.

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17 MR. ANDERSON: He's loafing in the coffee
18 lounge.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You're on, Bob.

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22 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, the request
23 was for Harold Martin and I'm shotgun for Harold today.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. I'll do anything
26 to keep from looking confused.

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28 MR. MARTIN: Good morning.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Good morning, Harold.

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32 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, yesterday Calvin
33 Casipit and I gave you a brief overview of what we've been
34 doing in Southeast in regards to the proposals. We met
35 again yesterday afternoon and came to the same conclusion.
36 I will read you what we decided. I will be very brief.

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38 This group came about because of a lack of
39 direction from the Federal government. Here in Southeast
40 Alaska there were no efforts by the Federal government to
41 involve tribes and local communities in the proposal
42 process. It is not the intent of this group to take
43 authority away from the Regional Council, but we do not
44 know how the Regional Council is to be involved in the
45 proposal process. ANILCA Title VIII, Section .809 calls
46 for tribal and community involvement. If this group and
47 the tribes had not taken these actions, there would be no
48 tribal proposals to review, only State and Federal.
49 Participating tribes include Angoon, Kake, Hydaburg,

50 Hoonah, Petersburg, Klawock, Craig, Haines, Saxman,

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1 Klukwan, Yakutat, Sitka and Douglas Indian Association. So
2 we approached this in a tribal government manner. I
3 contacted these people in my capacity as subsistence
4 director for Central Council, Tlingit-Haida Indian Tribes
5 of Alaska. These are all Federally recognized tribal
6 governments.

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8 Tribes and communities were contacted by telephone
9 and
10 informed of the proposal process. We assigned certain
11 people. There was a number of us people who were assigned
12 to call certain communities so all communities were
13 contacted and then updated on what was taking place.

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15 Approximately eight meetings were held over a two
16 month period, January through February. Tribal and
17 community representatives that could not attend meetings
18 were teleconferenced in.

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20 The group did not attempt to prioritize all of the
21 proposals. Instead the group came up with four categories
22 or groups of proposals. The first category, of which there
23 is 21 concerns sockeye and coho fisheries. But we have to
24 know that this is a priority. A second category concerns
25 regulatory review. This was a concern by a good majority
26 of the communities that were in -- the feeling was that
27 there were subsistence regulations from the State that did
28 not work in the past and we want to compare these things --
29 there were no good feelings about the Federal government
30 coming in and adopting the State regulations. A third
31 category, traditional environmental knowledge should be
32 included in all projects. A fourth category, harvest
33 survey proposals were also submitted.

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35 Now, three of these proposals are in regards to
36 hatchery fish. One from the Northern Southeast Aquaculture
37 Association calls for interaction between natural stocks
38 and hatcheries, and I think that's a study that should be
39 done, however, we don't feel that we need to work with
40 hatchery fish. We're concerned -- or charged with working
41 with natural stocks.

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43 Now, Mr. Chairman, because of these uncertainties
44 we submit to you the complete proposal package for your
45 review. With that I will plead the Fifth Amendment.

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Did you folks have
48 ambitions for those proposals? What did you want done with
49 them?

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1 MR. MARTIN: We're not sure, that's why
2 we're turning it over to you. Between the Forest Service,
3 Fish and Game Department, the Tribes, we didn't really know
4 where it was going next.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. I need to point
7 out one thing that we're not concerned about you replacing
8 the Council because you're representing the tribes, we're
9 representing everybody. While it don't look like it, we
10 are. There's some other ones we have to look after, too.
11 But we are, we're subsistence community oriented councils.
12 So both Native and non-Natives, so that's where it differs
13 from the tribes point of government-to-government. But
14 we'll be happy to look at those proposals.

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16 Any questions. You guys all plead the Fifth. I
17 think everybody wants the Fifth up here, too. Bob.

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19 MR. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
20 If I could just add a few words and I promise to clutch the
21 mic too tightly here. I think this is the first year of
22 potentially a really different way of doing business. In
23 the past, tribes and local communities have been involved
24 in important subsistence research projects and most of the
25 work done by the Division of Subsistence, in fact, all of
26 the work has been done in close cooperation with the
27 affected communities.

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29 When Federal management of fisheries came on
30 October 1, there were really strong statements made by
31 Federal officials that we wouldn't do things exactly the
32 same in this coming era of fisheries management.
33 Specifically, that tribes would be closely involved in the
34 information gathering and it was seen that that would be a
35 way of working to develop tribal expertise in fisheries
36 areas as well as to expose young people and others to just
37 the hands-on of fisheries management.

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39 This is basically some first steps to take in that
40 direction.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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44 MR. SCHROEDER: And my role in this is
45 simply to assist the process. And I'd really like to
46 compliment the tribes for coming forth and spending a good
47 deal of time and energy on trying to figure out exactly
48 what it is that they might be able to do in this changing
49 circumstance.

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1 We also pushed ahead -- the group pushed ahead
2 pretty strongly because there was the concern that if we
3 didn't move quickly we'd lose this year. And if we lose
4 this year of doing tribal projects, it means yet one more
5 year when essentially things are, in terms of the data
6 gathering and the field work are in the business as usual
7 category, and it means one more year when the tribes who've
8 shown some interest in doing this work don't get to do
9 something.

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11 I, myself, wasn't real comfortable with just
12 postponing although that's always a safe choice.

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14 The proposals that are in this packet represent a
15 really good effort on the part of tribes to identify
16 things. I was really surprised at how much consensus there
17 was about what needs to be done. What we see real clearly
18 is that the tribes are concerned about various issues with
19 sockeye and coho fisheries. Specifically on the biological
20 side, there are a lot of subsistence systems where we
21 really don't know how many fish are going into them. So
22 tribes were interested in doing some low-tech stock
23 assessment where that could be done. These are things --
24 these basically mean having someone on the stream when the
25 runs are taking place counting fish and observing so we're
26 not talking about big weirs.

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28 The other thing tribes were concerned about were
29 the number of fish being taken out. Who's taking them,
30 where they're going. And tribes felt that that information
31 was limited. So the sockeye/coho proposals relate to that,
32 basically getting better on the ground information and on
33 the fish returning, as well as knowing in-season, how many
34 dead fish are being taken.

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36 The other three categories similarly had good
37 support. In thinking about regulation review, we have a
38 change right now to look at the whole picture and to see
39 through a research and review effort what are the
40 characteristics of the subsistence regulations for
41 Southeast Alaska. The regulations for Southeast Alaska are
42 a little peculiar from those in other parts of the state
43 because most of the things that really affect people are
44 not in regulation. In Southeast, the way subsistence
45 fisheries have been managed has been on the basis of what
46 the management biologist thought could take place as
47 opposed to what a regulatory body decided was the right
48 number of fish and the right times to get them. So that
49 seemed to be pretty useful and it might save you a lot of

50 work. Because if you did it up front, instead of getting

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1 200 proposals over the next few years to change this
2 fishery and that fishery, you might get something that
3 gives you a global view of Southeast.

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5 Traditional environmental knowledge, traditional
6 ecological knowledge keeps coming up as being an important
7 area. The most likely projects that could be initiated
8 this year would have to do with mapping subsistence use
9 areas and documenting people's ties to place and character.
10 Eventually if this project was able to cover all of
11 Southeast, it would marry up nicely with some other work
12 that's gone on. Harold Martin and other researchers have
13 worked with communities documenting place names and this
14 approach would answer the question of who does what where
15 and who has an interest in the different fisheries around.

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17 The fourth category, the harvest survey proposals,
18 basically continues work that the Council has been
19 instrumental in getting going over the last years. In my
20 previous capacity I used to come before you and ask for
21 support on updating our harvest figures for Southeast
22 Alaska. We're pretty much there. The surveys have been
23 done in most communities. There are a few that remain, and
24 that's what the fourth category covers. It covers work
25 that is under way by Division of Subsistence primarily in
26 Saxman, Petersburg and Wrangell this year and potential
27 work in Yakutat which would funnel through the Yakutat
28 tribe.

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30 I'm hoping we can have a little bit of discussion
31 and get some Council direction on how to proceed. We're
32 really at the point where Southeast, because of the work
33 that Harold and the tribes has done, we're in real good
34 shape. It's not a question of how people haven't been
35 talked to and how proposals have just been developed
36 sitting in Juneau or Anchorage, so I feel real confident
37 that that tie is there. However, if we postpone, we're
38 basically going to lose this season and we'll be only able
39 to initiate work next year.

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41 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You're welcome. I had
44 one question in regards to, you mentioned about other
45 groups and data that wasn't available. One thing that
46 comes up to me is the amount of sportfish that leaves the
47 state, via airplane, and it's an obvious significant amount
48 but nobody seems to know exactly how much that amounts to.
49 And I don't know if you folks have referenced that or not

50 in your planning.

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1 And another thing, with government-to-government, I
2 guess my question would be what role then would the various
3 agencies -- my impression of the government-to-government
4 would involve the tribes and the agencies in their
5 cooperative agreements, so I'm wondering, has the agencies
6 been involved in this deliberations or discussions at any
7 point yet?

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9 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, Bill.
10 There's been a real close communication between, in this
11 case, Forest Service as being the lead agency in Southeast
12 Alaska and the tribal groups. Because this is a -- there
13 are two things that kind of probably have everyone a little
14 uncomfortable there, in that, everyone would like more time
15 and more energy to devote to this. And so that's been a
16 little bit thin. There's been a real strong direction from
17 Jim Caplan, who sits on the Federal Subsistence Board, that
18 this is definitely the way to go and also that we don't get
19 anything out of putting things off to the future. That
20 we've waited 10 years to get significant involvement of
21 tribes.

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh.

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25 MR. SCHROEDER: And it's a little
26 embarrassing if you say, well, things take time, let's way
27 a little bit longer.

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29 Secondly the staff working on subsistence is,
30 frankly, stretched a bit thin, so I think it's a time when
31 the Council and the tribes and Tlingit-Haida are rightfully
32 stepping up to the plate and taking responsibility which,
33 for, what, in fact, are your fisheries and the public
34 monies which are, in fact, your monies, to use effectively
35 if you choose to do so.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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39 MS. GARZA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think
40 that I have to commend Harold and his group for doing the
41 work that they did. Yesterday, I was really irritated
42 because I couldn't see how, we, as a Council, were fitting
43 in. And also because I didn't eat and I had too much
44 coffee, but -- but when I started thinking about it I
45 realized that I think that we are the body who has not done
46 what we should do. This is a whole new process. This is a
47 whole new ball game. Instead of waiting for someone to
48 give us instructions, I think that we, as a Council, should
49 decide now how we want to participate. I think that if we,

50 as a Council, had a working session last night, we may have

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1 come up with those same four categories, sockeye/coho are
2 big issue. Certainly there are many other fish that are
3 big issues but they are not within what is called Federal
4 reserved waters right now. Another issue, and this is
5 something that Vicki has brought up over and over and that
6 we have talked about, is that, in just simply taking over
7 State process we're making that error that we assume that
8 that State process was good and we're taking it on, we
9 haven't looked at what are the flaws in the regulations and
10 the policies and everything else that we, as a Federal
11 Subsistence body, should be correcting and I think that's
12 sort of looking at, what are the needs and how do we change
13 those needs into policies and regulations.

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15 And I can't remember what the other two groups are,
16 but I don't know if we should start with a working
17 discussion on what do we think should be changed and then
18 figure out how we can fit in or are there criteria that we
19 think are important, either permanent, overall criteria, or
20 if we would support proposals that had a yearly focus. So
21 we would say, in this year, this Council supports the
22 proposals that are sockeye and coho based and are
23 subsistence. I don't know. But I think if we just do
24 something like that and we send those direction up to the
25 Federal Subsistence Board, even if they didn't know that
26 they wanted them from us, I think they would benefit by
27 having them.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I agree. As you were
30 making your presentation, I was wondering if it would be
31 acceptable to the Council and to your group, that when --
32 it looks like there's a chance that we'll finish our
33 regular agenda with time to spare tomorrow and if we do
34 that, could we spend that time, perhaps working on
35 establishing some benchmarks or anything just to kind of
36 get acquainted with each other with that topic.

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38 MR. MARTIN: I have no problem with that.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Madame Vice Chair, does
41 that sound workable?

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43 MS. GARZA: I think we may have a working
44 committee here tomorrow but some of us had thought it was a
45 two day meeting and we're leaving, me, included. I'm on a
46 7:00 a.m. flight to another meeting that I can't change.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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MS. GARZA: But I mean there will be other

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1 people here.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, those of us that
4 are left, Butch and I, we'll meet with you guys.

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6 MS. GARZA: And Lonnie, since he showed up
7 late.

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And Lonnie, yeah. So
10 we've got a.....

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12 MR. ANDERSON: I've got a.....

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You what? No excuses
15 now.

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17 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, I can't speak
18 for the Forest Service but I don't have any problem with
19 that.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. So what we'll plan
22 on is after you guys are through, I got another shuffle to
23 make in the agenda and then we'll go on with our agenda and
24 then I think we'll have time -- I don't think we'll need
25 the full three days to complete the agenda that we have, so
26 the time we have remaining after that, if we could plan on
27 getting together and working through some of these points.

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29 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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33 MS. GARZA: I guess the one comment I would
34 have to that plan is to make sure that we have a quorum so
35 that we can make decisions in the end and send something up
36 to the May meeting.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Got that, Madame
39 Secretary.

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41 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, I know you
42 have a lot of agenda today and also that you've been
43 presented with a whole packet of material which needs some
44 review and that this is a new area. I just second what
45 Dolly is saying, if it looks like you're not going to have
46 a quorum, it might be possible to form a committee who is
47 going to be here who acts on the Council's behalf, just as
48 a procedural thing. Because I think the Council acting as
49 a Council will carry a good deal of weight in this arena.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, once we establish a
2 quorum, that quorum is good until we adjourn. But in any
3 case, we'll take care of it.

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5 MS. GARZA: Maybe we could just see who's
6 leaving and who will be here tomorrow.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Who's going to be here
9 tomorrow? One, two, three, four, five, not to worry. Not
10 to worry. Butch and I, when things get tough, we'll be
11 right there.

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13 MS. GARZA: All right.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.

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17 MR. CLARK: There was some talk yesterday
18 about criteria to use with the projects. I developed kind
19 of a comparison of the criteria that was developed as part
20 of this collaborative process between tribes and Forest
21 Service.

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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25 MR. CLARK: I have it here to distribute so
26 I'll do that if that's okay.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Keep it warm and then --
29 because we're not going to keep these guys here for much
30 longer.

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32 MR. CLARK: Right.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're going to move on to
35 other things, and then when we distribute that I want to be
36 able to focus on it a little bit once we get it. But I
37 don't want it to interrupt anything right now, if that's
38 okay.

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40 MR. CLARK: Sure.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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44 MR. MARTIN: I have nothing else, Mr.
45 Chairman.

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Well, we
48 appreciate that. I agree with Dolly, I commend the tribes
49 for the strides you've made, and for the leadership you've

50 recruited. So good job.

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1 MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
2 stated earlier that we didn't know either what our
3 interaction with the Council would be. Our total concern
4 was tribal input, so Title VIII, Section .809 calls for
5 tribal input and tribal consultation. This is our sole
6 worry, and thank you for the actions you've taken.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's just a matter of
9 cooperation. Thank you. Okay, back to our agenda. Where's
10 our guys in the hot seat? Mr. Willis and Mr. Fred.

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12 MS. GARZA: Did we have another request for
13 public comment?

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes. Mr. Steve --
16 somebody from Sitka?

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18 MS. GARZA: Steve Lowery.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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22 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, is it possible to
23 do him because I think he will be quick, and this guy,
24 there's nothing quick about him.

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26 MR. JOHNSON: I resemble that.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You know, that's what I
29 like about this Council, everybody's got an in but the
30 Chairman. Okay, Mr. Steve.

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32 MR. RIFINSTILL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
33 Appreciate you hearing me on this short notice and I will
34 be fairly quick here. My name is Steve Rifinstill. I'm
35 with Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association in
36 Sitka. We are a private non-profit organization
37 representing fishermen, sport fishermen, subsistence. John
38 Littlefield from Sitka Tribe of Alaska is on our Board. We
39 have Native Corporation representation. Municipality and
40 conservation seats on our board of directors.

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42 The proposal I'd like to speak about is 135, I
43 believe it is, the salmon lake coho and sockeye system,
44 lake system, at the head of Silver Bay, it's about seven
45 miles from downtown Sitka. It has been traditional
46 subsistence, personal use and sportfishery provider for
47 hundreds, thousands of years. And these sockeye and
48 coho.....

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Excuse me, I got one

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1 qualifier, sportfishing hasn't been around that long.

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3 MR. RIFINSTILL: I agree.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, proceed.

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7 MR. RIFINSTILL: Thank you for clarifying
8 that. And these fish, adults, as they return through Sitka
9 Sound run a gauntlet of commercial fishing, seine fishing,
10 trawl fishing, sport, guided sportfishing before they get
11 back to the head of Silver Bay. Northern Southeast
12 Regional Aquaculture has monitored this system through
13 adult survey escapements for several years. The Department
14 of Fish and Game has done some monitoring there as well.

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16 The proposal specifically is to reinstitute a
17 thorough monitoring system at Salmon Lake so that we can
18 assess and protect escapements. The first thing that is
19 needed is to understand escapement of sockeye and coho into
20 the system to see that there are adequate escapement.
21 Right now there are just aerial surveys done by Fish and
22 Game and inconsistent foot surveys to the system. And it
23 is a system that is very important to the people of Sitka
24 and it's one that needs further monitoring if we're going
25 to protect that for the future. The most recent records
26 from Fish and Game do show somewhat of a decline in the
27 personal use of sockeye from that system. We're not
28 certain at this time whether that's because of declining
29 escapements or just declining use and also there has been
30 some decline in the escapement of coho at the system.

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32 The cooperators on this project would be the U.S.
33 Forest Service, Sitka Tribe of Alaska, and Fish and Game
34 and Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture is the lead on
35 this if we were funded. Just an aside, I am actually here
36 as part of the Pacific Salmon Commission, one of the minor
37 committees of the Pacific Salmon Commission, the
38 Transboundary River Program that deals with Stikine River
39 and Taku River enhancement programs and management of all
40 salmon returns to those so it's a joint Canada and Alaska
41 committee. And I heard this Council was meeting this
42 morning and so I came down here to see if I could speak for
43 the proposal.

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45 I really appreciate your time and care in listening
46 to what I have to say. And I'd entertain any questions.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You were talking about
49 you don't feel like the monitoring is aggressive enough.

50 Did you have any thoughts or plans or around that?

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1 MR. RIFINSTILL: Well, Fish and Game, of
2 course, has lost budget monies year after year in the last
3 10 years. The last serious monitoring of Salmon Lake was
4 in the early 1990s when they ran a weir. And this proposal
5 would reinstitute a weir operation for adults. It would
6 also assess fry and smelt production in the system both for
7 sockeye and coho, and that's really what's needed to
8 understand what's there right now. And also we would
9 develop a spawner recruit model based on number of adults
10 in and what that produces in terms of fry and smelt out of
11 the system, both for sockeye and coho.

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13 We need to know that to assess the health of
14 the.....

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So are you anticipating,
17 then, the funding for that will come from the allotment
18 that's been awarded for that type of projects with the
19 Federal government?

20 MR. RIFINSTILL: Yes. That's what the
21 proposal is asking. It's a long-term -- I wrote it up as a
22 five year proposal. We're ready to hit the ground right
23 now. We could institute this, if we had the money we could
24 institute this this spring to start doing smelt work if we
25 had the money immediately. If it was.....

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How much money are we
28 looking at?

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30 MR. RIFINSTILL: Well, for this year we'd
31 be looking at something on the order of \$60,000 if we were
32 going to do smelt work and adult weir. I mean we'd have to
33 buy weir materials to set up a weir and run a crew for
34 three months. The long-term proposal for the full five
35 years is on the order of 275,000.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do you have a budget to
38 submit?

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40 MR. RIFINSTILL: It's with the proposal.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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44 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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48 MS. GARZA: So sorry I called you Steve
49 Lowery.

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1 MR. RIFINSTILL: Oh, that's fine, it's an
2 honor.

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4 MS. GARZA: It would be. I guess two
5 questions, one is this the same project or similar to the
6 project that John Littlefield has brought to Sitka Tribe --
7 Jack's shaking his head yes. And so I see this as one of
8 the positive projects because I understand that NSRAA
9 basically focuses on chums and kings because that's where
10 the commercial fishermen are interested in, putting all the
11 other politics aside, and that Fish and Game doesn't deal
12 with this because they're also focused on commercial
13 fishing. So we have these small, I think all over, coho
14 and sockeye stocks that don't have the kind of monitoring
15 assessment that's necessary. And that's sort of one of the
16 conclusions that Harold's working group came up with, was
17 that, it's these types of projects that need to be funded
18 or at least these species that we need to focus on.

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20 So I wanted to have something -- well, just to get
21 an idea from Dick whether or not he had any questions on
22 transboundary stocks since this guy could either take our
23 concerns forward for us or to give us more clarification if
24 we have issues on transboundary stocks. He's from
25 Wrangell.

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27 MR. STOKES: I can get with you after a
28 bit.

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30 MR. RIFINSTILL: Okay.

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32 MR. STOKES: All right, thanks.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, does that complete
35 your remarks?

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37 MR. RIFINSTILL: Yes.

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39 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to
40 know what exactly you're on, I got your name, I think, but
41 I needed to get what council you're on or organization.

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43 MR. RIFINSTILL: I am the operations
44 manager for, if you just want an abbreviation NSRAA.

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46 MS. WILSON: Then I won't know what that
47 means when I go home.

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49 MR. RIFINSTILL: Okay. It's Northern

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1 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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3 MR. RIFINSTILL: And then I'm here in town
4 right now as a representative on the Transboundary River
5 Committee, which is part of the Pacific Salmon Commission.

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7 MS. WILSON: Are you on the Pacific Salmon
8 Commission?

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10 MR. RIFINSTILL: Yes. But not as a
11 Commissioner, I'm just on one of the lower level
12 committee's as technical advisor.

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14 MS. WILSON: Okay. And what proposal were
15 you talking about, is it the one that's in here, I don't
16 even know where it is.

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18 MR. RIFINSTILL: It is in there, I think
19 it's No. 135.

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21 MR. CLARK: Not all the books have the
22 numbers, but it's called Salmon Lake.

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24 MS. WILSON: Oh, right there, okay. Thank
25 you.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Anything else. Anybody
28 else. Any place else. Thank you very much.

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30 MR. RIFINSTILL: Thank you, Chairman
31 Thomas, I really appreciate it.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Okay, without any
34 more interference, Fred and Roadkill.

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36 MR. CLARK: You have another request for
37 public comment here, Jack Lorrigan.

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39 MR. ANDERSON: Jack.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, okay, now, we took
42 care of Proposal 4, right, that's been disposed of.

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44 MR. CLARK: Proposal 4 has been disposed
45 of.

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh?

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49 MR. CLARK: Yeah.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And 8 has been disposed
2 of?

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4 MR. ANDERSON: That's correct.

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6 MR. CLARK: Correct.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Nine is the only one
9 left.

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11 MR. JOHNSON: Nine and 10.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Nine and 10.

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15 MR. CLARK: Right.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Okay, so once
18 we've disposed of proposals then they're beyond discussion
19 so nine's all you got left Jack. Where were you for four
20 and eight?

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22 MR. LORRIGAN: I was at another meeting.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. We're beginning
25 with nine now.

26 MR. JOHNSON: That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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30 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, Council, again
31 Proposals 8 and 9. Proposal 8 just dealt with the change in
32 the season from January to December 31st and Proposal 9
33 deals with the bag limit, changing it from six deer in Unit
34 4 to four deer in Unit 4.

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36 The rationale for changing the proposal was based
37 on the winter severity that occurred last year in Unit 4.
38 According to the proposer this was the worst winter in the
39 past 30 years with snow accumulations in some areas two to
40 three times higher than normal and this was also documented
41 by ADF&G as being a high winter mortality. And as was
42 pointed out yesterday, this would also bring us -- our
43 regulation would comply or follow the ADF&G regulation of
44 changing from six to four.

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46 Again, the analysis has been conducted based on
47 hunter success and hunter effort showed that the degree of
48 harvest in January represented a small percent and that the
49 winter severity, biologically, does not warrant a change

50 for reducing the limit from six to four.

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1 Are there any questions, Mr. Chairman or Council?

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: One question I had, it
4 makes reference to antlerless deer, so they can take -- if
5 this is changed, they can take four deer, either four bucks
6 or four does, whichever the case may be; is that the case?

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8 MR. JOHNSON: No, Mr. Chairman. The
9 regulation as it reads would still only provide for -- let
10 me back up, Mr. Chairman, yes, you still would be able to
11 take antlerless deer, but only during the period September
12 15th through the end of December.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: But what my question was,
16 if you're allowed four deer they could be antlerless?

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18 MR. JOHNSON: That's correct.

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20 MS. GARZA: They can all be antlerless.

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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24 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Any questions --
27 okay, we'll talk about that in deliberations. What else
28 you got there? Department comments.

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30 MR. CLARK: We did those yesterday, Mr.
31 Chairman. The ADF&G comments for both Proposals 8 and 9
32 was to support the proposal.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Other agency
35 comments. Summary of written comments.

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37 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, are we on
38 Proposal 9?

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.

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42 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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44 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, Alaska Native
45 Brotherhood Camp No. 1 is in support of Proposal 9.

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47 Hoonah Indian Association in a letter that was
48 distributed yesterday are in opposition to Proposal No. 9.
49 This proposal would prove a hardship on members of the

50 tribe. Subsistence foods are a vital part of the economy

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1 of our members and any reduction in the amount of food our
2 tribal members are able to provide for their families, in
3 turn affects the amount of assistance from other agencies
4 that they must depend on. Many jobs within our community
5 are still based on seasonal activities and the winter
6 months are always the hardest times for our tribal members.
7 We strongly urge the advisory council to eliminate both
8 Proposal 8 and Proposal 9 from consideration.

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10 I believe that's all the written public comments,
11 Mr. Chairman.

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13 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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17 MS. GARZA: Just as a point of
18 clarification, so we voted down Proposal 8 yesterday which
19 would have cut the season back by one month. Proposal 9
20 seeks to do two things, one, is to cut the season back by
21 one month and to reduce the amount of harvest from six
22 deer, whether they're antlered or not to four deer.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh. Public comment.
25 Jack.

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27 MR. LORRIGAN: Good morning, Council, Mr.
28 Chairman. These two proposals you've already dealt with
29 and you opposed it which is what I was hoping. I've talked
30 with Jack Whitman from the Alaska Department of Fish and
31 Game in Sitka and I've talked with Ted Skienk when he was
32 still with the Forest Service and I've also talked with Ray
33 Nielson who proposed these -- put these forward. Ted
34 Skienk, quote/unquote said that winter takes far more deer
35 than any other hunters in Sitka do, even with outside
36 hunting. The population is large enough to support this
37 kind of effort. And Jack Whiteman, the current ADF&G
38 biologist, I spoke with him on the phone and he said that
39 deer pellet counts really haven't changed that much. That
40 the recruitment from the fawning season and the yearlings
41 seem to have carried through this year. And when I talked
42 with Ray, he was more concerned about heavy winters like
43 the January winter we had last year. And if I remember
44 correctly the biggest snowfall on Superbowl Sunday which is
45 after the season closed, and those deer had to survive
46 through February, March, April, which is a hard time for
47 them but it's a natural thing.

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49 We don't have the wolves on Baranof or Chichagof or

50 Admiralty that keep populations down like on Prince of

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1 Wales. What Jack and I surmised is that because effort may
2 -- or success may have been down this year, again, we
3 didn't have the snowfall to push the deer to the beach and
4 people didn't want to get off their boats to go looking for
5 them. Once you got off the boat and went to the woods and
6 got up to any height there was deer pellets and deer sign
7 everywhere. People get too used to cruising the beaches, I
8 think, and the deer in the local area are getting educated
9 to boats. They hear a boat motor coming, they step off the
10 beach. People who go slow see deer.

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12 Subsistence-wise, I think the six deer limit is
13 adequate. I know a lot of people put in a lot of effort
14 towards the later part of the year for deer. As their
15 fishing season winds down and they're still out in their
16 boats they try to access the deer and they hunt for a lot
17 of other people. I know a lot of deer get traded
18 .d back and
19 forth between people in Sitka.

20 Biology, I can't see why supporting this and I've
21 talked to Ray and he was more concerned about heavy winters
22 in January. That's all I have to say from the Sitka Tribe
23 on this one.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, thank you.

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27 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Public comment.

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31 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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35 MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman
36 members of the Council. In the first place, I have
37 problems with a State Trooper submitting all these change
38 of regulations. I heard somebody say and I grew up in a
39 village a subsistence way of life, and there is a limited
40 amount of employment during the summer, it's all seasonal.
41 There's no year-round jobs in the villages. And we've had
42 to subsist off the land every year.

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44 I'm kind of confused on Page 53, additional
45 information. It says five month season of August 1st to
46 December 31st and then it goes on. If subsistence users
47 need more time -- a season to take bucks starting mid-July
48 would provide much better eating deer. Is there a buck

49 season in July -- mid-July? I don't know what's going on
50 here but in any case, I think we've had a real mild winter.

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1 There's going to be a good survival rate for deer this
2 year. And I think the six deer is needed and I speak
3 against the proposal.

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5 Thank you.

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7 MS. GARZA: Thank you, Mr. Martin. Is
8 there other public comment, Mr. McKinley -- Alfredo.

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10 MR. MCKINLEY: Yes. Thank you, Madame
11 Chairman and members of the Board. Yeah, first of all I
12 speak against the proposal as well. As I said previously I
13 grew up in Hoonah. It's like what the other previous
14 speaker has stated we have seasonal employment in Hoonah,
15 that's the reason why I moved out. Is we have seasonal
16 employment over in Hoonah, there's no employment and other
17 communities like Sitka perhaps have employment more than we
18 have in Hoonah. And if that's the case, then they should
19 act as separates even though they combine Unit 4 and so
20 forth.

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22 So that's the reason I think it should be left
23 status quo. And I think the people of the community, we
24 all have -- our people are very conservative as far as what
25 we actually take. So I'll speak against it and leave it up
26 to the community, our elders. And if there's not enough
27 deer we'll leave it alone. But there's lots of influx of
28 people that are coming in from Juneau that take all the
29 deer. So as a result of that, Madame Chair and Board
30 members, I hope you vote against this.

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32 Thank you.

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34 MS. GARZA: Thank you, Mr. McKinley. Is
35 there other public comment. Jack.

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37 MR. LORRIGAN: One more point I forgot to
38 make is that biologically there's no reason to support
39 these proposals. Politically, this would force the Board to
40 come under State regs and kind of ignore the subsistence
41 issues that we're all here for. So with that in mind,
42 please oppose this.

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44 MS. GARZA: Thank you, Jack. Is there
45 other public comment? Okay, we will move on to the Council
46 deliberation. We're discussing Proposal 9, is there a
47 motion to support?

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So moved.

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1 MS. GARZA: Is there a second.

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3 MR. ANDERSON: Second.

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5 MS. GARZA: Discussion.

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7 MR. ADAMS: Call for the question, Madame
8 Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You know, it was pointed
11 out to us that there wasn't a lot of justification for some
12 of our decisions. But if the testimonies are being
13 recorded and we don't have any issue with them, I think
14 that will suffice as our justification for our actions, so
15 that's what we'll do.

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17 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You're the Chairman.

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21 MS. GARZA: Okay. Well, I think it would
22 be the -- following what we did with Proposal 8, is that,
23 it would be the feeling of the Council to oppose this
24 proposal because there is no biological need and further,
25 it would restrict subsistence opportunities.

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27 MS. GARZA: Call for the question.

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29 MR. ADAMS: Question.

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31 MR. ANDERSON: The question was called for.

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33 MS. GARZA: All in favor of the proposal
34 signify by saying aye.

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36 (No affirmative votes)

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38 MS. GARZA: All opposed same sign.

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40 IN UNISON: Aye.

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42 MS. GARZA: Proposal 9 fails. Proposal
43 10.....

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I mean, no.

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47 MR. ADAMS: Madame Chairman, as I indicated
48 earlier, Proposal 10, I've been trying to get a person from
49 SeaAlaska to come down here and share their input on the

50 overselection that we think is pretty important to talk

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1 about, you know, in this proposal. Most everyone that is
2 of importance is out of town right now from SeaAlaska.
3 There is a guy, his name is Ron Wolfe, who would be able to
4 come in tomorrow and testify. So I'm wondering if we could
5 postpone this until that time.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What would be the purpose
8 of his testimony?

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10 MR. ADAMS: Well, I think it's import --
11 you see the thing on the overselection is I've been getting
12 all kinds of opinions. Some people say that Feds have
13 control over those overselections and that it should be
14 open, you know, for subsistence when, in fact, it has been
15 closed in the past. And then we get some other people that
16 say, oh, no, it isn't. And so we need to clarify that, you
17 know, I know Fred says that he has some answers for us and
18 I talked with Clarence Summers yesterday, extensively,
19 about it. And I'd like to see if these two people have a
20 meeting of minds here. And also I want to include
21 SeaAlaska in this discussion because it does involve, you
22 know, some important hunting areas that they have
23 supposedly control over and is not being allowed to --
24 we're not -- at least in Yakutat we're not being allowed to
25 hunt in those areas. And it's important to know what's
26 happening here because it would take a lot of pressure off
27 from the concentrated areas that hunters go to, you know,
28 on the opening days if those overselections or the nine
29 townships, as referred to, would be available for them to
30 hunt as well.

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32 So I would, you know, I think we can go on with it,
33 I can give you a short report on what I've heard from
34 SeaAlaska before but I think it would be better if we had
35 someone from there come here and also address us.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, we could do one of
38 two things. We could leave it to the next proposal period
39 or we can dispose of it now since the author of the
40 proposal is here.

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42 MR. ADAMS: I am here.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You wrote the proposal so
45 we can go on your merits. If there's nobody here to speak
46 otherwise and they're familiar-- they are aware of the
47 proposals, then we can do one of two things. We can either
48 postpone it until the next proposal period or we can
49 dispose of it now.

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1 MR. ADAMS: It would be better if we had
2 the proposal taken care of now. When is the next meeting?

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: October.

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6 MR. ADAMS: The first part, before the 8th?

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Excuse me?

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10 MS. GARZA: We don't know.

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Any proposal submitted in
13 October, the recommendations will come from this Council
14 to.....

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16 MR. ADAMS: Okay, it goes to the Federal
17 Subsistence.....

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS:it will be a year
20 from May before they're acted on by the Board.

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22 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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26 MS. WILSON: I think we should go ahead and
27 take care of this Proposal 10, and if the SeaAlaska person
28 comes to speak on it, that's good, and we can still listen
29 to that or we could just discuss this proposal and then act
30 on it tomorrow.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, no, no.

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34 MS. WILSON: But I want us to take care of
35 it.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We deal with it like any
38 other proposal.

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40 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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42 MR. ADAMS: Well, Mr. Chairman, with that
43 then I would be in favor of going ahead with the proposal
44 now and disposing of it.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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48 MR. ADAMS: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dave.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, Council the
2 proposal is simply to change the wording in the existing
3 reg to further clarify that -- the current wording is
4 confusing to both the non-rural, rural and non-resident,
5 anyone that's hunting, the way it's currently written.

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7 What the proposal does is to change or add the
8 following wording; outside the Native township surrounding
9 Yakutat are, and it removes the will be portion of the reg,
10 in the wording.

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12 MS. GARZA: It also changes the date?

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14 MR. JOHNSON: That's right. It also
15 changes the date and it provides another week for
16 essentially the non-rural hunter.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, this is the other
19 side of the story that we had from last year, yeah, okay.
20 Because last year the community was split, 49 to 51 percent
21 and it was a community issue. Okay.

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23 MR. JOHNSON: Well, there was a Proposal
24 11, Bill, which was pulled, withdrawn, from the proposer,
25 from John Vale, would have gotten into the additional
26 discussion that we had last year, but that portion has been
27 withdrawn for this year.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Okay, sounds good
30 to me. So you're through with your analysis?

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32 MR. JOHNSON: Through with the analysis and
33 we support the proposed change.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Department comments.

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37 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, the Department
38 has no recommendations at this time. The intent of this
39 proposal must be clarified to explain what constitutes
40 public lands outside the Native townships surrounding
41 Yakutat. The justification implies that State or private
42 lands are addressed in this proposal over which the Federal
43 Board has no jurisdiction. The proposal seeks to limit
44 competition from non-Federally qualified hunters but does
45 not identify a biological concern or other allowable
46 justification for doing so.

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48 I don't know if the Department has additional
49 comments -- no.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Other agency comments.
2 Summary -- Bill.

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4 MR. KNAUER: Yes, Mr. Chairman, two points
5 of clarification. One, Mr. Adams asked about the
6 clarification on whether or not the selected lands are
7 considered public lands or not, and under the Federal
8 regulations, it indicates that only the selected lands that
9 would be in this particular area, new national forest or
10 forest addition shall be treated as public lands. This is
11 not within a new forest or new forest addition, therefore,
12 these selected lands are not -- they are considered private
13 lands, they would not be under the Federal subsistence
14 management regulations. That's a point of clarification.

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16 The other point of clarification is the change in
17 the date that closes public lands to non-Federally
18 qualified users on the 8th as opposed to the 15th is a moot
19 point. Because the State season does not open until the
20 15th so there are no other users at that time.

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Nothing is moot with us,
23 everything has every duty here so thank you.

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25 MR. CLARK: MR. Chairman.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.

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29 MR. CLARK: If I may address Bert's
30 question a little bit further. If you look at Section
31 .102, on the definition of public lands, it excludes
32 selected but not yet conveyed land and that's the land
33 status of those lands around Yakutat. So in the very
34 definition of public lands covered under ANILCA, those
35 lands are excluded. So that's for wildlife.

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37 The other part of Bert's question had to do with
38 fisheries, whether those lands were included under
39 fisheries, and the answer to that, Bert, is that, the lands
40 aren't but the waters are because the Federal government
41 has reserved water rights there. So under fish it applies,
42 and wildlife it doesn't.

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44 MR. ADAMS: Thank you.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I can see clearly now.
47 Written comments, Fred.

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49 MR. CLARK: There are none.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Public comments. Mr.
2 Public, John Q -- John Q Public.

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4 MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Harold.

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8 MR. MARTIN: The way I see this, all it is
9 is a change of wording and a clarification, there is no
10 biological effects. I speak in favor of the proposal.

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Regional
13 Council. Vicki.

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15 MS. LeCORNUE: Does this mean that there is
16 -- is there any problem with them getting their moose, is
17 that a problem?

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I don't -- is it? Is
20 there a problem getting moose?

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22 MR. ADAMS: Well, the problems that we've
23 been experiencing with the nine townships is that it's open
24 all around it and there's a big concentration of moose
25 hunting in those areas there. And it just causes a lot of
26 problems, you know, with the hunters and that it's
27 overcrowded from an influx of a lot of hunters in those
28 areas. And, you know, if we could figure out somehow how
29 we can open up those nine townships that would take a lot
30 of pressure off of those other areas. It's really
31 overhunted, you know, in the first -- well, I wouldn't say
32 overhunted but they're just overcrowding, a lot of hunters
33 in those areas.

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35 MS. LeCORNUE: So there is a problem of too
36 many hunters?

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38 MR. ADAMS: I wouldn't say too many
39 hunters, you know, we have the same amount of hunters that
40 go out every year, it's just that they're all concentrated
41 in those areas that are open.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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45 MS. GARZA: I guess I'm not sure if the
46 information from Mr. Knauer or from Fred clarified anything
47 to me at all. I mean I sort of got the feeling that given
48 the definitions that this proposal does nothing?

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MR. CLARK: Actually the proposal doesn't

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1 do much except for clarify the language. The intent was
2 just to clarify the language to make it easier to
3 understand which areas are open when.

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5 MS. GARZA: So it doesn't open any more
6 land?

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8 MR. ADAMS: No.

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No.

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12 MS. GARZA: And in that sense, SeaAlaska
13 should have no deference either way. So then if it only
14 clarifies the language then how does it address the issue
15 of too many hunters in this space?

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It doesn't.

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19 MS. GARZA: Okay.

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21 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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25 MR. ADAMS: This is the complaints that
26 I've been getting from the hunters in the community and
27 they would like to, you know, see this nine townships or
28 the overselection, you know, resolved one way or another so
29 that those could be opened up for hunting as well.

30
31 It's true, it's only clarification. And one of the
32 things that we wanted to do -- by the way, you know, my
33 name is on that but we met, you know, with the Forest
34 Service people and some other people in the community and
35 came up with this proposal. What it does it just
36 clarifies, it identifies those nine townships that during
37 this opening it would be closed. And also identifies, you
38 know, the dates when the subsistence hunt will start which
39 is October 8th.

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41 MS. LeCORNU: Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

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45 MS. LeCORNU: It would be clarifying the
46 issue of whether they're involved in a State hunt or
47 Federal hunt, is that correct, what I read here?

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49 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mike.

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3 MR. DOUVILLE: I haven't got it straight in
4 my head either but it looks like to me that you're adding
5 on a week of season on the outside of these townships is
6 what you're doing, right?

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is that true, Bert?

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10 MR. ADAMS: Yes.

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's correct.

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14 MR. ADAMS: And that's the intent.

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16 MR. DOUVILLE: So it's not just a language
17 clarification, we're also adding a week of season for the
18 rural residents in Unit 5.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bill.

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22 MR. KNAUER: Mr. Chairman, from a
23 regulatory standpoint there is absolutely no effect. The
24 season that is referred to, the Federal subsistence season
25 already starts on October 8th. The State season doesn't
26 start until October 15th, that is why the regulation
27 currently reads that from October 15th to the next date,
28 that the public lands are closed. So since there is no
29 State season saying -- making the date change to the 8th
30 has no effect because you're not telling somebody that
31 isn't there already that they aren't -- that they can't be
32 there. So there is no effect there.

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34 The other is a clarification of language that can
35 be done administratively if you desire. But the
36 regulation, the proposal has no regulatory effect one way
37 or another on subsistence users or non-subsistence users.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Okay, the
40 Chair entertains a motion.

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42 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, I make a
43 motion we approve Proposal 10.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved to
46 approve Proposal 10, do I hear a second

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48 MR. STOKES: I'll second it.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Moved and seconded,

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1 discussion. Fred.

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3 MR. CLARK: I was curious, Mr. Chairman, if
4 the Council would consider changing the wording from the
5 Native townships to selected but not yet conveyed lands --
6 or selected but not yet conveyed SeaAlaska lands, might be
7 a little more descriptive for people who don't -- from kind
8 of the outside looking in. Just a question.

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10 MR. ANDERSON: That would be identification
11 of the lands.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's the wishes of the
14 Council.

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16 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I amend that to
17 read what Fred just said.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What'd he say?

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21 MS. WILSON: To change it to not yet --
22 selected but not conveyed SeaAlaska lands.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, is there a second
25 to the amendment.

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27 MS. LeCORNUE: Second.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Moved and seconded,
30 discussion on the amendment.

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32 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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36 MR. ADAMS: I have no problem with that, I
37 concur. If you heard me talking about this issue I
38 mentioned on selected lands and nine townships, if it would
39 better clarify that issue then I don't have any problem
40 with that either.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: All for the question on
43 the amendment.

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45 MS. GARZA: I still have a question because
46 I don't understand.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: On the amendment?

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MS. GARZA: Yea, on the amendment. I don't

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1 understand how that wording affects any land use or hunting
2 areas.

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4 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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8 MR. ADAMS: All this does, Dolly, is just
9 identifies the fact that these unselected lands will not be
10 open for the moose hunt starting October 8th. It
11 identifies those lands that it's off limits for hunting.
12 It's just a matter of clarification to the hunters because
13 last fall when the Feds took over, many of the hunters felt
14 or thought that those nine townships would be available for
15 hunting and so that -- what that does is it clarifies it,
16 it says it's not.

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18 MS. GARZA: Okay.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Are we ready for the
21 question on the amendment?

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23 MR. ANDERSON: Call for the question.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Question's been called,
26 All those in favor say aye.

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28 IN UNISON: Aye.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed.

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32 (No opposing votes)

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, the motion is now
35 amended. Further discussion on the amended motion.

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37 MS. STEVENS: What does it read now?

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Can somebody read
40 back.....

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42 MS. LeCORNU: Our amendment?

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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46 MS. LeCORNU: We changed the language from
47 October 8th, October 21st public lands selected but not
48 conveyed.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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1 MR. CLARK: Selected but not conveyed.....

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

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5 MR. CLARK: Outside the selected but not
6 yet conveyed.....

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8 MS. LeCORNu: Oh, outside of the
9 selected.....

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11 MS. WILSON: But not conveyed SeaAlaska
12 lands.

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14 MR. CLARK: Uh-huh.

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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18 MR. CLARK: Surrounding Yakutat.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Boy, for it not having
21 impact you're using a lot of Council time. Is somebody
22 going to call for the question.

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24 MS. WILSON: Question.

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26 MR. ADAMS: Question.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Question's been called.
29 All those in favor say aye.

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31 IN UNISON: Aye.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed.

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35 (No opposing votes)

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, that motion
38 carries. Okay, let's bring this back to -- somebody needs
39 to take Proposal 6 off the table.

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41 MR. ADAMS: So moved Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved to take
44 Proposal 6 off the table.

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46 MR. ANDERSON: Second.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved and
49 seconded. We now have Proposal 6 before us. It's been

50 brought to my attention with regard to Proposal 6 that

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1 information that had a significant intent to impacting --
2 to better understand the proposal wasn't delivered until
3 yesterday. And that being the case, it didn't have the
4 opportunity for the entire proposal to be scrutinized by
5 Staff or public like proposals need to be. And that being
6 the case, I don't know how we would be able to move this
7 forward to arrive at a recommendation to submit to the
8 Board without having them refer us back to the next
9 proposal period.

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11 Any comment from the Council. Patty.

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13 MS. PHILLIPS: The way I look at it there
14 is two issues here. One is the community harvest limit and
15 then there's the extension of the season. And I believe we
16 can address the issue of the community harvest limit
17 because the original proposal submitted in our packet shows
18 the establishment of a community limit for POW. And what
19 we would be doing, if there were to be any action, would be
20 narrowing that community limit to one community.

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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24 MS. PHILLIPS: And then I agree with you on
25 the other issue, which is the extension of the season,
26 there hasn't been adequate public review.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

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30 MS. LeCORNU: It was the intent to have an
31 open season and the intent was not to leave the Board
32 confused but to allow them to deliberate as a Regional
33 Council on their strategy to implement this proposal.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That is mentioned in the
36 proposal that is in the packet?

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38 MS. LeCORNU: Yes.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Without any supplemental
41 information?

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43 MS. LeCORNU: No, we determined our need to
44 be 500 deer.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. So we can move
47 forward then with what we have in our packet?

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49 MS. LeCORNU: Yes.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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3 MS. LeCORNU: And what we had envisioned
4 was that the Regional Council would decide if it was in
5 their strategy to implement this however they could.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. We can't implement
8 anything, all we do is make recommendations.

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10 MS. LeCORNU: Right.

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And we like to give our
13 recommendations the best possible chance of moving forward.
14 I'm just trying to offer guidance. Okay, so the Chair's
15 entertaining a motion then with regard to Proposal 6.

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17 MS. WILSON: Mr. -- Madame.....

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Madame Chairman.

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21 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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25 MR. ANDERSON: Which Madame was she talking
26 about.

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28 MS. WILSON: I move to adopt Proposal 6.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You heard the motion, is
31 there a second.

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33 MR. ANDERSON: I'll second Marilyn's motion
34 to discuss it.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, it's been moved and
37 seconded, now, discussion.

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39 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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43 MR. ADAMS: Would this set a precedent for
44 other communities to come forward with a similar or like
45 proposal?

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I don't have the answer
48 for that.

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MR. ADAMS: Who has?

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question is, would
2 this set a precedent. You need to talk into your mic,
3 Bert.

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5 MR. ADAMS: Sorry.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Don't be sorry, be loud.

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9 MR. ADAMS: I'll be loud and sorry.

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Ida.

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13 MS. HILDEBRAND: Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff
14 Committee member. I don't fully understand your question,
15 set a precedent as to what?

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17 MR. ADAMS: Well, Ida, the Southeast
18 Regional Council recommendation as I wrote down yesterday,
19 it says, support with condition to amend to strike Unit 2
20 and specify Hydaburg only. Now, would this set a precedent
21 as far as the other communities in Unit 2 to come forth
22 with a similar proposal for their own communities?

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24 MS. HILDEBRAND: Any subsistence user
25 anywhere in the state, in Unit 2 and elsewhere, are free to
26 propose anything they dream of and bring it forward to this
27 Council. This Council doesn't have to agree with them.
28 But it doesn't set a precedent if one does it, they'll all
29 follow suit if that's what you're asking. But anyone is
30 free to propose anything.

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32 Whether this Council supports or rejects this
33 proposal or further their discussion from yesterday doesn't
34 set a precedent, it's well within the actions this Council
35 has taken since I've known them.

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37 MR. ADAMS: Thank you, Ida. So what we are
38 doing is we probably consider the merits of this thing here
39 as to how it will affect other communities as well, that's
40 my concern.

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42 MS. HILDEBRAND: Right, well, that's part
43 of the concern of the whole Council, they look at the
44 affect of any proposal on their communities and on the
45 users in this region.

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47 MR. ADAMS: Thank you.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Ida.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: I guess a question to.....

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, Dave.

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5 MR. JOHNSON:Ida then, would there be
6 any justification if the Council went forward with this
7 recommendation to deny other communities to have that same
8 allocation?

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10 MS. HILDEBRAND: Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff
11 Committee member. If the Council chose to support a
12 portion of this proposal, if any other community wanted the
13 same kind of action, that community or someone from this
14 region would have to submit the proposal to this Council,
15 it would then go under Staff analysis, there would be an
16 analysis back to the Council and the Council would then
17 decide upon that question. It isn't automatically if you
18 do this for one you do it for everybody.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. What's the
21 wish of the Council. We got a motion, we got a motion to
22 adopt. Patty.

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24 MS. PHILLIPS: I'm just wondering about
25 procedure. We tabled the motion yesterday.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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29 MS. PHILLIPS: So have we removed it from
30 the table or.....

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes, we did. We did.

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34 MS. PHILLIPS: So that's the motion that we
35 just made was, to remove it?

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The motion we made now is
38 to adopt. The motion before that was to bring it off the
39 table.

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41 MS. PHILLIPS: Okay.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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45 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, in the
46 discussions yesterday it was my understanding that the
47 reasoning for postponing the decision today was to clarify
48 what the amended language would look like and I don't have
49 anything in writing that clearly tells me how this would

50 change.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's my understanding
2 that we would use the language that's been proposed that
3 exists now in our packet.

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5 MS. LeCORNU: Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

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9 MS. LeCORNU: We talked yesterday and I
10 clarified that our proposal was for the community of
11 Hydaburg and it would establish an allowable limit and
12 there is some argument whether it would raise our limit or
13 not. And I mean that's a question of.....

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15 MR. STOKES: It seems like you would be
16 restricting yourself.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I think there was an
19 amendment offered to replace the word raised to establish.

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21 MS. LeCORNU: Right, that's what I was
22 explaining. So that's what it says, it says, establish an
23 allowable limit to 500 for community of Hydaburg. And as I
24 explained earlier, we did leave a date open because we're
25 not wanting to restrict this in any way, it will be a
26 community harvest, community report. And it would allow
27 this Council to develop the strategy for implementing that.
28 So those dates aren't really set in stone but they are up
29 to the Council to deliberate on and how to implement that
30 500 deer, what we consider a priority and a preference. It
31 would be the first time that this has ever been established
32 for any community, and, in fact, we could go back and say
33 the State regulations are -- we adopted this from the
34 original State regulations and it was an automatic
35 restriction on the people of Hydaburg and in other
36 communities. So what this is an attempt to do is to set a
37 priority in .804.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I think I'm just now
40 beginning to get a grasp on it. So the language with
41 regards to date is generic, just for the purposes of the
42 Council having something to discuss around that?

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44 MS. LeCORNU: Yes.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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48 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Because there is no

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1 regulation to change, this is a brand new introduction.
2 Dick.

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4 MR. STOKES: What I was going to ask is
5 would you have a designated hunter?

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7 MS. LeCORNNU: This would be doing one
8 better than the designated hunter because as you can see
9 there was only 44 deer taken in the community of Hydaburg.
10 And so instead of these people having to go through this
11 designated hunter which they clearly are not, it would be a
12 community approved designated hunter system.

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14 MR. STOKES: And everyone that's old enough
15 to go out and hunt would be able to do this?

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17 MS. LeCORNNU: Yeah. And there are very few
18 hunters.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dave.

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22 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, a question,
23 what would be the method in monitoring the number to know
24 when you reached 500?

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's the method of
27 monitoring now?

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29 MR. JOHNSON: Well, currently we don't
30 monitor that except through the ADF&G harvest data that's
31 returned on the mail back questionnaires.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We'd probably just remain
34 just as honorable now, then as we are now.

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36 MS. LeCORNNU: Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

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40 MS. LeCORNNU: I guess the question of Dave,
41 how do you do that for the wolf?

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43 MR. JOHNSON: Well, the wolves are sealed
44 by the State.

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46 MS. LeCORNNU: Right. So I mean there has
47 to be some kind of reporting system similar, maybe not
48 as.....

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, to avoid any debate

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1 on other topics, I guess everybody else is kind of leery
2 about offering anything for fear of not being consistent
3 with the thoughts of Hydaburg. So I guess what I would ask
4 is would you be comfortable enough in suggesting a season
5 length in place of August 1 to December 31?
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7 MS. LeCORNNU: Yes, yesterday I suggested
8 maybe a month earlier than August to provide for that
9 priority otherwise the 500 deer would be maybe later in the
10 season getting it or it would just be some way to provide
11 for a preference for this 500 deer to be taken.
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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So July 1?
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15 MS. LeCORNNU: Yeah, I would recommend at
16 least one month earlier than the regular hunt.
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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. So change August 1
19 to July 1, leave December 31 in tact?
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21 MS. LeCORNNU: Uh-huh.
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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Change the word, raise to
24 establish, and for community put Hydaburg?
25

26 MS. LeCORNNU: Uh-huh.
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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: For language, Vicki, is
29 that close to what you hoped for?
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31 MS. LeCORNNU: Yes, that would get us a
32 start and we believe that we've never really strategized on
33 implementing a priority and a preference and that we feel
34 that we are restricted presently. So it would be a great
35 improvement.
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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.
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39 MR. CLARK: Just for the Council's
40 information, in yesterday evening's newspaper there was an
41 article about a new regulation by the State Board of Game
42 that allows a community harvest such as this in one
43 community in Alaska. I don't know if Dolly still has the
44 newspaper with her but the article is in the newspaper and
45 it has the name of the community.
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47 MR. STOKES: And that was for moose wasn't
48 it?
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MR. CLARK: That was for moose.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, order, order, Mr.
2 Knauer is deserving of our recognition. Mr. Knauer.

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4 MR. KNAUER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The
5 comment you made earlier regarding adequate public
6 opportunity for scrutiny and comment is very important
7 here. The public did have opportunity to comment on a
8 community harvest but it was based on the existing season.
9 There are numerous other communities on Prince of Wales,
10 including Klawock, Thorne Bay, Edna Bay, Craig and this
11 proposal would say that the residents of Hydaburg for some
12 reason have significant priority over those residents also.
13 The individuals in those communities may have comments in
14 that regard and have not been provided that opportunity.
15 This Council serves as a forum for comments from regional
16 residents and others. And bases its decision on the
17 information that the public does provide. So certainly,
18 establishing a community harvest limit of 500 with the
19 dates as published in the proposal booklet would be
20 appropriate if this Council so felt. However, making other
21 significant changes such as significantly changing seasons
22 or things like that would really need to have further
23 public scrutiny.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We'd be then better
26 advised to take this proposal as we've amended it, use that
27 amended language in the next proposal period?

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29 MR. KNAUER: That would assure thorough
30 scrutiny by the other residents of Prince of Wales Island
31 who may have something to say about this.

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33 MS. LeCORNUE: Mr. Chairman.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

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37 MS. LeCORNUE: I would concur to change the
38 dates to the published just to get us started.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Leave it as August 1?

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42 MS. LeCORNUE: Sure. We don't want to go
43 back to -- we've been waiting 22 years for some kind of
44 priority because we're limited to four deer.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, so there's no
47 change in the season.

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49 MS. STEVENS: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Millie.

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3 MS. STEVENS: I'm just having a problem
4 with the whole proposal. We have enough rivalry on our
5 island, Vicki, as you well know, and I think this is just
6 going to add fuel to the fire. And I don't understand the
7 statement that you've said numerous times, the opportunity,
8 the opportunity is there for everyone, Native and non-
9 Native, so I've read this proposal over and over again,
10 trying to understand it, and it just -- I don't know, I
11 would have to vote against it. I think it's really opening
12 a can of worms.

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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16 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, at this time I
17 would also vote against this proposal because I don't think
18 that what we have in front of here clearly reflects the
19 intent. I think that statewide, there have been successful
20 demonstrations of community harvest and I don't have any
21 problem with that. However, if we have, at minimum, 400
22 residents and they can each take four, then we're actually
23 reducing the number, the potential take from 2,000 to 500,
24 I have concern with that. I have concern with the seasons
25 and I have concern with we're not given a clear picture of
26 how it would be set up.

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28 I know that we've talked about things like this for
29 other resources in Sitka where Sitka Tribe has sat down and
30 said, this is how we would do that and if I could see a
31 picture of how it would be done in Hydaburg, then I would
32 feel more comfortable with it. But right now I have too
33 many questions.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

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37 MS. LeCORNUE: Mr. Chairman, if that's the
38 case then we need to raise it. We need to develop a
39 strategy to implement the priority. And I don't understand
40 Millie's reasoning. You have to have a reason, you know,
41 your reason is to provide a priority. If those other
42 communities choose to do so they really need to do that.
43 And we, as a Council, need to address those strategies. At
44 this point the community of Hydaburg requires more deer.
45 So if this isn't enough we can raise it. But we feel that
46 500 is a really good amount for us because it establishes a
47 community, which is the customary and traditional way we
48 did it. It was not individual hunters it was the whole
49 community using all of the resources.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Title VIII doesn't say to
2 provide a priority, it says to provide an opportunity.

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4 MS. LeCORNU: That's right. And we feel
5 that our opportunities are being restricted is our point in
6 bringing this forward. So if there is a problem with the
7 limit and you believe that it's limiting us, please feel
8 free to raise that limit. But my point is that this is not
9 limiting us, it's really giving us more control over our
10 community hunt. So if the Council feels that it isn't
11 enough they should develop a strategy to raise it.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Again, if it was raised
14 it would have to go back for public scrutiny. Further --
15 Patty.

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17 MS. PHILLIPS: I'm wondering if the
18 language should include establish allowable limit to 500
19 for the local rural residents of the community of Hydaburg.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How would that change the
22 community of Hydaburg, they're all rural.

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24 MS. PHILLIPS: Okay.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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28 MS. WILSON: Yeah, as far as I know, the
29 way Hydaburg does everything is they have certain people go
30 out and fish and then they bring the fish in and share it
31 and I imagine this would be good for them to use this
32 system. So I don't see anything wrong with it and I think
33 we should go ahead with amending establish allowable limit
34 to 500 for Hydaburg and leave the rest as it is.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, we did that.

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38 MS. WILSON: Oh, we did?

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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42 MS. WILSON: I'm way behind. That was
43 yesterday?

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Just now. We said it
46 real slow so you wouldn't miss it.

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48 MR. STOKES: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Richard.

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1 MR. STOKES: To me it's just not stating
2 who is going to harvest these deer. And I think this is --
3 it should be spelled out who is going to do it.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, you don't require
6 it spelled out any place else. The intent here is just to
7 assure that amount of harvest, and that's an opportunity
8 that's offered to every eligible community. So I don't
9 recognize it quite like you do.

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11 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.

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15 MR. CLARK: Just for the sake of bringing
16 out the idea for, like a devil's advocate, is it could be
17 said that Hydaburg already has the opportunity there within
18 the existing regulations using the designated hunter
19 regulation, the opportunity is there. It's just that
20 Hydaburg does not want to use the designated hunter system
21 that's established. What this.....

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We've gone through that
24 already. It was mentioned and Hydaburg's response was that
25 they wanted to do something different than the designated
26 hunter so we have to acknowledge that.

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28 Further discussion.

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30 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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34 MR. ADAMS: I have a problem just singling
35 out the community of Hydaburg. And I'm wondering if it
36 would be appropriate for us to go back to the original
37 intent and include all of Unit 2 instead of just singling
38 out one community and include all of the other communities
39 as well in this proposal?

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We don't have that
42 authority to impose on the rest of the unit without their
43 request.

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45 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman.

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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49 MS. GARZA: I think Bert was gone yesterday

50 when we talked about the original intent of the proposal

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1 was Hydaburg only, and as it was presented to us with other
2 communities was incorrect.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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6 MR. ADAMS: I stand corrected.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: If you were gone for any
9 of the discussion us know about that because it's hard for
10 us to go back and reeducate you as to what happened.

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12 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, the one question
13 I have is we have this one article on the Board of Game's
14 decision but have there been like decisions for Federal
15 resources for subsistence? Ida, could you explain them or
16 where?

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18 MS. HILDEBRAND: Thank you, I appreciate
19 your vote of confidence. Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff
20 Committee member. I can't give you the specifics as to
21 where but under the Federal system, yes, we do have
22 community harvests and community harvest quotas. And
23 generally where there's a community harvest quota and
24 there's a State regulation for that same species, the quota
25 is carried over whether you take it under State law or
26 Federal law. But there are community harvest quotas under
27 the Federal system.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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31 MS. GARZA: So I wonder if we can support
32 the intent of this proposal and ask that Forest Service or
33 whoever would work with Hydaburg community to develop the
34 actuals because it's the actuals that I'm having issues
35 with.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We'll need to bring that
38 up with the representative of Hydaburg.

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40 MS. LeCORNU: Pardon?

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42 MS. GARZA: My question was whether or not
43 we could support the intent of the proposal and have
44 Hydaburg work with Forest Service or Federal Subsistence
45 Board to figure out how to make it happen.

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47 MS. LeCORNU: Yeah, I think that reporting
48 system needs to be worked out but that was what I intended
49 for this Council to figure out because we are to develop

50 and implement the strategy for these proposals. So, yeah,

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1 that would be workable.

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3 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.

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7 MR. CLARK: In speaking for the Forest
8 Service, now, we would be happy to work with Hydaburg and
9 other communities on Prince of Wales to work out the
10 details, to flesh out a more complete detailed proposal or
11 details after the facts in terms of reporting system, in
12 terms of how many antlerless deer.

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, that's good now,
15 but I would request with information like that if you could
16 delay that until after the action of the Council. But I do
17 appreciate your offer, thank you. Dolly.

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19 MS. GARZA: In terms of the actions of the
20 Council, you know, I mean the concern I had in my
21 opposition was because I don't have clear language in front
22 of me. So I don't know if the Council can not act on the
23 proposal as presented because it apparently has been
24 presented incorrectly but to act on the intent of the
25 proposal.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I think the intent should
28 have the same opportunity that the language that was there
29 when it was submitted. Because the intent needs to be
30 scrutinized as well.

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32 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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36 MR. ADAMS: If we go with Dolly's idea
37 there, that would -- would we go back to the original
38 intent, that would include all of Unit 2 then.

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40 MS. LeCORNUE: No, that was not the original
41 intent.

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43 MS. GARZA: There was an error.....

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45 MR. ADAMS: To me it.....

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47 MS. GARZA:in communication between
48 who submitted the proposal and how it was put in this
49 booklet. So it was never the intent of all of Unit 2.

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1 MR. ADAMS: Okay.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It made reference to Unit
4 2 because the community is in Unit 2.

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6 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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10 MS. WILSON: I need to know if we're going
11 to vote on this proposal as Dolly mentioned, we would have
12 to vote down the first motion to accept this proposal and
13 make another motion to accept it and how did you put that,
14 intent?

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly, she's asking you.

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18 MS. GARZA: Yeah, it was to support the
19 intent of the motion and I don't know if we need to vote it
20 down or -- because I've seen reports where they just took
21 no action. Can we take no action and to have our Chairman
22 take the request forward that we support the intent of a
23 community harvest for Hydaburg.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Your wish is my command.

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27 MS. GARZA: I so wish.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

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31 MS. LeCORNU: Mr. Chair, yeah, the only
32 problem I see is that there was no clear reporting system
33 and like I said, I know that can be worked out very easily.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: If I'm going to take this
36 forward, I will need the Council to put together some
37 justification and clarifications for me to support in my
38 bringing it forward.

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40 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dave.

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44 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, it raises the
45 question, if it is strictly for the Hydaburg community,
46 whether or not, in effect, that would reduce the
47 opportunity for other rural residents of Unit 2, I'm not
48 saying that it does, it just raises that question.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: And if other communities
2 could also submit proposals then maybe it's a moot point.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. What we're going
5 to do from now on is we're going to limit discussion to
6 members of the Council and we will ask for guidance from
7 Staff with regards to what we can and what we can't or what
8 we should or shouldn't do as the result of our action.
9 That way, I think it will keep the confusion at a maximum.

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11 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chairman.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mike.

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15 MR. DOUVILLE: I have some questions and
16 maybe a comment or two, if I may.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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20 MR. DOUVILLE: Should this happen, there's
21 some question in my mind about regulations. And Vicki said
22 they would develop their own method of recordkeeping. But
23 my question, I have a lot of concerns over this thing, but
24 -- so then would they be bound by current regulation as it
25 is for doe/buck ratio? I mean I could see all kinds of
26 things happening if Hydaburg was allowed to -- okay, you
27 can take 500 deer and regulate it as you so choose so would
28 they bound by current regulation or could they make their
29 own regulations?

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: They'd be bound by
32 existing regulations.

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34 MR. DOUVILLE: So they wouldn't be doing
35 something that would give them unfair advantage over the
36 rest of Unit 2 because obviously this would affect all of
37 Unit 2.

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39 Just as a comment. I see where this proposal does
40 not give any resident of Hydaburg any advantage because
41 they're able to take more deer under current regulation
42 than this proposal would allow, and they still have a
43 designated hunter program. There's a program to get deer
44 for potlatches or anything like that at any given time of
45 the year. So I just can't support this.

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's been mentioned
48 several times.

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MR. DOUVILLE: Right.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And it's been
2 acknowledged several times so there hasn't been any
3 disagreement with that but any comments that haven't been
4 made so far on this. Patty.

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6 MS. PHILLIPS: On the subsistence
7 management regulations booklet under alternative permitting
8 systems; community harvests and designated hunter
9 permitting and reporting systems are now in place for some
10 communities. These systems are based on customary and
11 traditional practices, including those associated with
12 cultural and religious beliefs. The Federal Subsistence
13 Board continues to work towards the establishing other
14 alternative community harvests and reporting systems where
15 appropriate. It is correct that it won't benefit -- that
16 the 500 number is less than what they would take under
17 existing regulations. What the proposal does is gives them
18 that designated C&T, which they have now but it gives them
19 an actual allocation for that C&T.

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21 Then the booklet goes on to say that an animal
22 under possession and transportation of wildlife, an animal
23 taken under Federal or State regulations by any member of a
24 community with an established community harvest limit for
25 that species counts towards the community harvest limit for
26 that species except for wildlife taken under permit for
27 special purposes including ceremonies and potlatches. An
28 animal taken by an individual as part of a community
29 harvest limit counts towards every community members
30 harvest limit for that species taken under Federal or State
31 regulation.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Further discussion. Are
34 we ready for the question.

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36 MR. ANDERSON: Question called for.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Question's been called
39 for. All those in favor of adopting Proposal 6 say aye.

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41 IN UNISON: Aye.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed same sign.

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45 IN UNISON: Aye.

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Could I have a show of
48 hands. The yes votes raise your right hand.

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MS. WILSON: Yes.

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1 MS. LeCORNU: Yes.

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3 MR. STOKES: Yes.

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5 MS. PHILLIPS: Yes.

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7 MR. ANDERSON: Yes.

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The no hands raise your
10 left hand.

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12 MR. KOOKESH: No.

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14 MS. GARZA: No.

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16 MS. RUDOLPH: No.

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18 MR. LAITI: No.

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20 MR. DOUVILLE: No.

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22 MS. STEVENS: No.

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24 MR. ADAMS: No.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The motion fails. Okay.

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28 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, I believe that
29 concludes my remarks with respect to the proposals,
30 Proposal 11 was removed from the consideration for the
31 Council.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Willis,
34 you did an admirable job and we appreciate that.

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36 MR. JOHNSON: Also Mr. Thomas, I'd like to
37 apologize to the Council for yesterday if there were any
38 comments that I might have made to either Patty or Vicki or
39 any other members of the Council that were taken
40 personally, I apologize for that.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We'll send you a bill.

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44 MR. ANDERSON: I guess dinner's on you.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dinner is on Dave down at
47 the Glory Hole.

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49 MS. PHILLIPS: At the Breakwater.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, 10 minute Marlboro
2 break.

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4 (Off record)

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6 (On record)

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, now that you guys
9 drove another nail we'll go back to work here. Fred, has
10 an announcement to make or do you want me to make the
11 announcement, okay, with regards to lunch. If you folks
12 are planning on having lunch here you need to sign up for
13 that, I think lasagna is the menu and same drill as
14 yesterday. I think the menu is listed upstairs but
15 lasagna, even I could remember that.

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17 And we have a distinguished guest among us. He
18 owns all of the Federal government. He's superior to the
19 President of the United States. Everybody's got to listen
20 to him. I'd like him to come forward and be recognized,
21 Mr. Dave Allen. Dave is the chief at the U.S. Fish and
22 Wildlife Service. Let's give him a hand. You have some
23 words of good will for us.

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25 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, I thought you
26 were talking about Gabriel.

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28 MR. ALLEN: Dolly, I'm not sure who he was
29 talking about. Thank you for the introduction, Bill, and I
30 do just have a few things I'd like to say. I was able to
31 introduce myself to a few members of the Board this morning
32 and to the rest of you, I just wanted to say hello. And
33 that I've enjoyed sitting in this morning and listening to
34 your deliberations, they sound awfully familiar Bill. But
35 it's obvious to me that the work of your Council as well as
36 the other nine Councils to the State have really been
37 beneficial to the Federal Subsistence Board. Your efforts
38 and your deliberations in addressing these issues, locally,
39 I think has made our job a whole lot easier in being able
40 to be responsive and act judiciously on these proposals.

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42 So I want you to know that I personally and I'm
43 sure the Board feels the same, very much appreciates the
44 time and effort that all of you put into these very
45 important deliberations and look forward to continue
46 working with you, Bill.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're glad you had time
49 to stop by, thank you.

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1 MR. ALLEN: Yes.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And he's from Anchorage,
4 he's from 1101 East Tudor Road. So all the mail you get
5 from there, that's his home address. Also Greg has been
6 very quiet, very visible but very quiet. Greg Bos, come up
7 and tell us who you are. I thought you would have been on
8 the agenda before now.

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10 MR. BOS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is
11 my second visit to your Council, I've always been very much
12 impressed with the detail and thoroughness that you get
13 into some of these issues. They are complicated and it does
14 take a lot of work to sort through the concerns. You know,
15 I've been here observing trying to get a bit of
16 understanding of where you want to head with fisheries
17 management and the project proposals and the, you know,
18 very critical or key part of this meeting, I think, is for
19 you to identify -- focus and identify on what the
20 information needs are going to be for fisheries so that
21 those can be reflected in the projects that are selected.

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23 My position now is as a regional subsistence
24 coordinator for the Fish and Wildlife Service based in
25 Anchorage. I previously was a member of the Office of
26 Subsistence Management Staff as a liaison with the State
27 program. But I left that position to assume a more
28 regional responsibility. And I'd be happy to participate,
29 you know, in the continuing deliberations that you have if
30 I can add any help to you.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. We're glad
33 you're here and as we move into the rest of our agenda I'm
34 sure that we'll be utilizing any Staff that's available for
35 those deliberations. We're really happy you're here.
36 Thank you for telling us who you are, thanks.

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38 MR. BOS: Thank you.

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40 MS. WILSON: What was your name again?

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Greg Bos.

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44 MS. WILSON: Greg, okay.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Now, he wants to know
47 your name. 9B, Fred. Application process.

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49 MR. JOHNSON: Should we kneel before the

50 Council?

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, move the chairs --
2 take the chairs away, yeah.

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4 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, members of the
5 Council, the process by which Council members are appointed
6 has been going on for some time. We have received, what,
7 11 -- how many applications have we gotten -- 11
8 applications, and these applications and recommendations
9 have been distributed among these three gentlemen. They
10 are going through the process at present, interviewing
11 applicants and interviewing their references. They will be
12 getting together here within a couple of weeks to bring all
13 this information together and go through a criteria ranking
14 process for these applicants. From there it will go to
15 Staff Committee to look at and from there to the Board and
16 from the Board to the Secretary's of Interior and
17 Agriculture. So if you have any words of wisdom for these
18 guys let them know now because they're heavy into it,
19 they're almost done with their interviews at this point.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. So starting from
22 scratch, we got the application form, fill that out, send
23 it to you. We send it to you or to the office in Anchorage
24 and then they come back to these guys. Is that true?

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26 MR. CLARK: Yeah.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I mean these gentlemen.

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30 MR. CLARK: The applications go into me --
31 if they come into me I give them to the Office of
32 Subsistence Management, if they go into the Office of
33 Subsistence Management, they eventually give them to me and
34 then I distribute them among the panel. My role is not as
35 a panel member, my role is as a facilitator for the panel.
36 So the applications come in, they get distributed out and
37 they do the work.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Are they a credible group
40 or what's your assessment?

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42 MR. ANDERSON: Incredible.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, incredible.

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46 MR. CLARK: Incredible group, yeah. They
47 all three have been doing this for some time so they have a
48 lot of experience on that. Are there any questions about
49 the process from the Council?

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Any questions from
2 anybody. Dolly.

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4 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, not so much on
5 the process as ongoing but sort of the big picture, and I
6 know that we've already heard criticism, but I think it
7 needs to come to light that the community, in general,
8 needs to understand how they can seat or reseated -- we had
9 several last year and as a result of one resignation and my
10 moving, Sitka became unrepresented in their eyes and caused
11 flack that we will probably not stop hearing from until we
12 have someone from Sitka on here. But we need to give
13 communities a better big picture of how this process moves
14 so that if something happens that they're not happy with,
15 they at least understand the process and so that they can
16 better prepare for potential changes in this process.

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18 In the situation with Herman Kitka's resignation,
19 there was no Sitka person who had submitted their name at
20 the same time as Herman did because no one in their right
21 mind would ever show him that level of disrespect and
22 complete against him, and we have to commend the community
23 of Sitka for honoring Herman in that way, however when he
24 resigned that left nobody from Sitka as a potential
25 candidate and that surely was not the intent of Herman and
26 that was not the intent of Sitka but no one knew that
27 that's the way the process would go. And so I, personally,
28 have received a lot of flack since then and I think Sitka,
29 still as a community, as a whole, still doesn't understand
30 why they don't have somebody there. I know that at one
31 time Herman thought that he had the right to name his
32 replacement and that was incorrect and that caused issues
33 in and of itself and so just thinking about how this
34 process rolls from year to year we need to do some more
35 clarification.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.

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39 MR. CLARK: Good points, Dolly, thank you
40 very much. It really is important that people know the
41 process. And I want to emphasize that it's incumbent on
42 the Council members themselves, for their communities, to
43 do some -- to inform people, locally. If you want
44 assistance in doing that let me know and I'll be -- or any
45 of these guys, let us know and we can help locally.

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47 But everybody needs to be planning for their
48 replacements, not in terms of, you know, hand selecting but
49 getting information out to people about the process. And

50 it's important that we get more applicants. It's very

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1 important for the reasons that Dolly pointed out.
2 Sometimes we have gaps because of resignations, because of
3 people leaving the Council for one reason or another. And
4 if we don't have somebody from those communities who are on
5 the -- who have applied before hand, we can't do it -- we
6 can't get more people within the cycle. We have to wait
7 until the cycle starts over again for more people to sign
8 up.

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10 So the Sitka example, we can't fill a seat with
11 somebody from Sitka until the next cycle unless somebody
12 applies from Sitka.

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: When do these application
15 cycles start?

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17 MR. CLARK: It starts as soon as the old
18 application cycle ends and -- Bill, you should have known
19 that. I don't have the exact dates but, you know, the
20 appointments are done just before the fall meetings. And
21 we keep trying really hard to move that date further back
22 so people have more notification or have their notification
23 earlier in the ball game. But, you know, right after the
24 fall meetings the cycle starts. I think Bill Knauer has
25 some dates for us.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So what he's saying is
28 that we're deliberately avoiding Sitka or considering any
29 applications from Sitka right now. Bill.

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31 MR. KNAUER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The normal
32 application period starts in January. This year it ended
33 in about mid-February because of the down road actions that
34 require both the paneling and review of the application,
35 Board recommendation and then Secretarial appointment. And
36 then this year because of the fisheries they fall meetings
37 are going to be earlier so that did force the closing a
38 little bit earlier.

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40 One thing that you all recognize and Bill has
41 stated many times is that all of you represent the entire
42 region, you're not representing a particular community.
43 You certainly bring knowledge and expertise from your local
44 community and you bring the viewpoints of some of your
45 community residents and the folks you know in other
46 communities but you're representing the entire region. And
47 likewise, when we recruit applicants, the recruiting is
48 open to all residents of the region and one of the things
49 that the Board tries to do as does the panel and it's very

50 evident here is to assure that there is a geographic

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1 distribution of members representing or living in as many
2 areas of the region as possible.

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4 You've got individuals here from the northern part
5 of your region, the southern part and all points in
6 between. And so that geographic distribution is very
7 important in bringing the understanding of culture and
8 differences in customary practices and the resources in
9 each of those areas.

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you very much.

12 Marilyn.

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14 MS. WILSON: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I think
15 it's important that all of us, when we do go home, we have
16 the Title VIII. And when I go home I want -- I'm getting
17 copies and we have some young people who are starting to
18 get organized in our ANB and I want to have like a work
19 shop with them and start them in on this. I've been trying
20 this for years to get our younger people interested in
21 doing this subsistence. I've been in it since the State
22 system so it's been quite a transition and yet you never
23 stop learning and there's always changes, which is what
24 we're all about. But I think one of the important things
25 is knowing the law, the Federal law. So I would like to
26 see more copies of that little book. I know there's little
27 books, just of that section, Title VIII.

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29 So I think it would help if everybody kind of
30 passed -- threw around these Title VIII books and let our
31 people learn.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do we have brochures that
34 just include Title VIII? There is a document like that?
35 Can they be made available?

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37 MR. JENNINGS: Yes.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Can they be copied or
40 anything or you got a place you can order them from?

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42 MR. ANDERSON: If you can, give them to
43 Fred and he can distribute them.

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45 MR. CLARK: Right. I have the whole of
46 Title VIII in electronic form so one possibility is I could
47 just print out Title VIII from that and make copies for the
48 Council and make multiple copies if that would be
49 sufficient.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.

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3 MR. KOOKESH: Douglas Indian Association
4 has my copy of the Title VIII that you gave me in
5 Anchorage.

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7 MR. CLARK: The whole of Title VIII.

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9 MR. KOOKESH: They're making copies of it.
10 I do have it, it's floating around.

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: While we're talking
13 documents, there's a couple documents we could use, one of
14 them being Title VIII, another one being the Council
15 member's manual. And that would mention to make available
16 for incoming staff and incoming other people that are going
17 to be involved with this process.

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19 Yes.

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21 MR. JENNINGS: I just wanted to mention
22 that there's a copy of Title VIII in each of the Council
23 member booklets, when those go around. And then we'll have
24 copies made here -- how many copies did you want to take
25 back?

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27 MS. WILSON: About five.

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29 MR. CLARK: One advantage of.....

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31 MR. STOKES: Other communities would like
32 to have them, too?

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How many would you like
35 to take back? How many do you want to take home?

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37 MR. STOKES: Six.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, six and five -- we
40 need 13 copies.

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42 MR. JENNINGS: Okay.

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44 MR. CLARK: I can make many more additional
45 copies back at our office and make sure we get those
46 distributed.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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MR. CLARK: The advantage of -- one of the

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1 best things about Title VIII is it's not a long law, it
2 doesn't take much to make copies.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Consider it done.

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6 MR. CLARK: Okay.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Any more questions,
9 demands, complaints. Fred.

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11 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, we are
12 consistently trying to do a better job of outreach, getting
13 the information out to communities about the process by
14 which to apply for membership on this Council. My request
15 of you is to let us know the best ways to get the word out
16 in your communities so we can do a better job of it.
17 Sometimes we get a lot of applicants, sometimes we don't
18 get so many applicants and we just need to make sure that
19 we're doing as good a job in outreach as we can do to
20 ensure that we get a good diversity of applicants from
21 across the region.

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23 Now, that I've answered all your questions why
24 don't you give these guys a hard time.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: They look like they're
27 struggling already. Okay, I guess that's it unless you
28 guys got more to offer.

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30 MR. ANDERSON: Somebody help Dave up.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah. Thank you.

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34 MR. STOKES: Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Richard.

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38 MR. STOKES: I might add that when I was in
39 the Navy, overseas, when they got a Section VIII it meant
40 they were nuts.

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42 MR. ANDERSON: That's right.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's why we call it
45 that so we can identify with that. Now, we can't accept
46 this one. You guys want to hear Wanda Culp? Wanda (In
47 Native). What are you going to talk about, you didn't tell
48 us what you're going to say, to offer your own -- we're not
49 interested your own views -- come on.

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1 MR. STOKES: Wanda, whose car was in that
2 picture I seen you in in the paper?

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4 MS. CULP: Whose car, not a good question.
5 Was it a red truck?

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7 MR. STOKES: Yes.

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9 MS. CULP: I borrowed it.

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11 MR. STOKES: I know, who from? That's all
12 right.

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14 MS. CULP: I've got a document that I
15 prepared that I'd like to present. Dear Southeast Council
16 meeting in Douglas, Alaska today, and I didn't expect to
17 get on so suddenly, I thought maybe tomorrow would be the
18 time. Tribal customary and traditional users of the
19 natural resources need each Federal Subsistence Board
20 agency to make ANILCA Title VIII top priority until that
21 law is fully understood and implemented. The priority must
22 be supported with appropriate funding. Enough funding to
23 conduct a full-fledged public education program on ANILCA,
24 Title VIII law and obligations. This public education must
25 extend firmly throughout the State government structures
26 including enforcement, the courts, the legislature and the
27 public.

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29 Enough funding to conduct a regionwide forum of
30 customary and traditional hunters, fishers, and
31 knowledgeable elders for open discussion of solutions ideas
32 amongst these experts. No politicians or special interests
33 participation should be allowed. Restricted only to the
34 ones who know their territory intimately, where the danger
35 spots are, the safe spots, where to gather and where not to
36 gather. Traditional providers are the closest to the clan
37 elders. The elders are the keepers of wisdom and
38 knowledge. The tribal resource providers would not be
39 successful without traditional counseling of the wise
40 elder. Native land tenure required the maintaining of a
41 homeland where both present and future generations can live
42 and flourish.

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44 ANILCA, Title VIII has been destructive to cultural
45 existence and cultural activities through Federal
46 Subsistence Board regulations. The Federal Subsistence
47 Board has determined that, number 1, Juneau is a non-
48 subsistence area, no Natives allowed policy; number 2,
49 cultural and traditional activities be banned in Glacier

50 Bay from the Hoonah Tlingit, though, personal use is

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1 allowed for Gustavus local residents; three, State ADF&G
2 enforcement have authority to cite customary and
3 traditional users on Federal lands under culturally bias
4 sports laws.

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6 There are serious misinterpretations by the Federal
7 Subsistence Board of a law designed to protect cultural
8 existence that need to be addressed immediately.

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10 Of immediate concern is the critical role that
11 local indigenous ecological knowledge can and should play
12 in protecting and preserving the ecosystems and tribal
13 communities. Native communities collectively hold
14 incredible on-site knowledge, past and present. We need to
15 explore the threats to tribal homelands and threats to our
16 basic human rights. No matter what, all the non-Native
17 indigenous claims to our tribal use areas have not wiped
18 out our stewardship duties within.

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20 I was recently given an article from the American
21 Indian Culture and Research Journal, 1998 entitled
22 Ecological Risk Assessment and Management: Their Failure
23 to Value Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge and
24 Protect Tribal Homelands. What a mouthful.

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26 In it, risk management, is defined and discussed as
27 the process of identifying, evaluating, selecting and
28 implementing actions to reduce risk to human health and to
29 ecosystems. The goal of risk management is scientifically
30 sound, cost effective, integrated actions that reduce or
31 prevent risks while taking into account social, cultural
32 ethical, political, and legal considerations. Another
33 mouthful. From the 1997 Presidential/Congressional
34 Commission on Risk Assessment and Risk Management Final
35 Report, Volume 2.

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37 On an ongoing basis, both the Federal and State
38 decision-makers and officials resolve national and local
39 environmental and/or waste management issues by performing
40 risk assessments and risk management. Risk assessment is a
41 scientific and technical process. Risk management is the
42 ranking of risks and strategies development to mitigate or
43 eliminate the risks.

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45 Generally, these assessment and management
46 strategies do not mention impacts that certain activities
47 will have on tribal homelands. Most analysis are actually
48 void of any tribal rights, tribal government or tribal
49 cultural values mention. The standard approach is to

50 identify Federal, State local government and private sector

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1 officials.

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3 Tribal role. President Clinton's April 29, 1994
4 directive sets the tone for his administration's approach
5 to Indian Affairs. All heads of executive departments and
6 agencies are to implement their programs in a sensitive
7 manner respectful of tribal sovereignty taking appropriate
8 steps to remove procedural impediments to working with
9 tribes. Current ecological assessments and management are
10 inconsistent with the established case law, congressional
11 and executive policies relating to tribal involvement in
12 the development of environmental policy. The managers are
13 directed to assess the impact of Federal actions on the
14 tribal trust resources.

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16 Tribes are in the best position to regulate and be
17 intimately involved in risk assessment, environmental
18 activities and management affecting tribal interests and
19 natural resources. In general, tribes retain inherent
20 sovereign powers to regulate conduct that threatens or
21 directly affects public health and safety or the economic
22 security of the Native community. This jurisdiction
23 includes that degrade the environment and threatens natural
24 resources.

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26 Inclusion of cultural values. Ecological risk
27 assessment in areas affecting ancient tribal boundaries
28 involves a basic understanding of a large regional
29 ecosystem and their subregions. Under the current
30 scientific approach, numbers and studies are plugged into
31 models and frameworks by people who may never view the site
32 or ecosystem targeted using method assumptions. Further,
33 those modern processes are set on a short time scale,
34 assessing very limited geographic areas.

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36 In stark contrast, at the heart of the indigenous
37 cultures is the inseparability of the health and welfare of
38 tribal people and the indigenous environment, neither of
39 which are doing well in the year 2000. We understand the
40 harmonious blend of observations, science, and management
41 by respecting the connection of humans and all living
42 things. Tribes cannot prioritize one species over another.
43 An integral part of the tribal decision-making process
44 includes knowledge, values, histories, ethics and an
45 understanding of the indigenous way of life. Each clan
46 knows who their indigenous historians and experts are.

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48 By direct and indirect means, tribes must improve
49 the proposed risk assessment and management decisions by

50 introducing tribal cultural wisdom into the processes.

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1 True characteristics of the ecosystems and site specific
2 tribal knowledge can affect the nature and distribution of
3 adverse activities. Conceptual ideas for incorporating
4 cultural value models should be explored by the tribes's
5 hunters, fishers and gatherers through a regionwide forum.
6 Tribes must effectively enable the Federal government to
7 begin meeting its trust responsibility of protection.

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9 Mr. Chairman, I am hopeful that this Council will
10 consider my words carefully and make appropriate
11 recommendations to the Federal Subsistence Board that will
12 begin finally implementing this law of cultural protection.
13 I am also requesting a reply to my presentation to this
14 Council. Years of time and effort put into correspondence
15 to this Council and the Federal Subsistence Board has yet
16 to merit a reply from either. Where do letters like this
17 go? Are they worth anything in this process set up because
18 of ANILCA Title VIII?

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20 As an individual customary and traditional users, I
21 remain hopeful and watchful for the time we will be brought
22 to the table for serious input on this law that affects us
23 so hugely.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Wanda. That
26 was a well prepared statement. Has that gone before any of
27 the tribes yet?

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29 MS. CULP: I took it to the Tlingit-Haida
30 Central Council in which Harold informed me he has no money
31 to bring it to you.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, we can't make any
34 determinations for the tribes. But if we can get something
35 from the tribes then we can act on it from the Council
36 accordingly. So unless the Council has further
37 guidance.....

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39 MS. CULP: One of the requests in here, Mr.
40 Chairman, is that appropriate funding be placed before the
41 tribes or the agencies to work with the tribes to conduct a
42 regionalwide meeting.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. If you'd leave us
45 with that document, we seek guidance from the Staff that's
46 present later on in our agenda and we won't use this forum
47 to gather than information.

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49 MS. CULP: Okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So we'll see if we can't
2 find a way to forward it for better results.

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4 MS. CULP: Thank you.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

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8 MS. CULP: And a copy of the document that
9 I spoke of is attached also.

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Maybe you could
12 leave that with Fred at the table over there.

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14 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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18 MR. ADAMS: You said that you supplied a
19 copy to Central Council, did you Wanda?

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21 MS. CULP: Uh-huh.

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23 MR. ADAMS: They have a real good mechanism
24 of getting information out to the tribes so I would
25 encourage you to do that so that all of the tribal
26 organizations would receive this document, I think it's
27 pretty valuable for everyone to review and elaborate on.

28
29 MS. CULP: All right, thanks.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

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33 MR. ADAMS: Wanda, work through Richard
34 Stitt on that.

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36 MS. CULP: Okay.

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38 MR. ADAMS: He's the one that will be able
39 to disseminate that to the tribes.

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41 MS. CULP: All right.

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43 MR. ADAMS: Okay.

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45 MS. CULP: Thanks.

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, and Wanda -- no.

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49 MS. GARZA: Move to recess for lunch.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We are recessed for
2 lunch. This is the out to lunch bunch.

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4 (Off record)

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6 (On record)

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Our first report on the
9 docket that is listed is Fish and Wildlife Service,
10 Subsistence Management. Bill, you're on.

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12 MR. KNAUER: Thank you. Just a few items
13 to note. Helga Eakon who was the regional coordinator,
14 many of you know, and for Region 2, Southcentral and
15 Bristol Bay has been selected to serve in the position that
16 Sue Detwiler used to hold, that of policy and Board and
17 Staff Committee coordinator. So she'll be doing those
18 duties and you may see her down at some of your meetings in
19 the future.

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21 You have already met Tim Jennings here. He is one
22 of the Division Chiefs over the geographic areas, the
23 Council teams. And there will be another -- he will have a
24 counterpart in the hopefully near future. And of course,
25 with some of the vacancies both from people leaving such as
26 Rachel Mason who used to be your -- the anthropologist on
27 your team, she accepted a job with the Park Service there
28 in Anchorage. We have a number of vacancies that have
29 either been advertised or will be advertised so there will
30 be some new faces up in Anchorage.

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32 And then also in early May, the office will be
33 moving over to the Frontier Building, the 10th Floor of the
34 Frontier Building. Because with the new people we won't
35 have adequate space to house them there where we are now.
36 And we would certainly invite any of you that come to
37 Anchorage to come over and see our new spaces when we get
38 there.

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40 MR. CLARK: And Bill will buy you lunch.

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42 MS. GARZA: Where's the Frontier Building?

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44 MR. KNAUER: Well, the Frontier Building is
45 at corner of 36th and C Street. It's just three or four
46 blocks from where we are now, maybe a little further than
47 that. There by -- not too far from the Loussac Library.
48 There were some State offices in there.

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MR. CLARK: Bill, you might mention that

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1 it's affectionately known as the Spam can. That's what it
2 looks like.

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4 MS. STEVENS: Very traditional.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Let's see I had a
7 question here, you're talking about -- it sounds like
8 there's going to be more Staff than what we were used to
9 seeing when we were just doing wildlife.

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11 MR. KNAUER: That's correct.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do you have any idea how
14 many more bodies that will be in that office,
15 approximately? Within 10?

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17 MR. KNAUER: There's a new, I'll call it
18 division, called Fisheries Information Service, that will
19 be working with the tribes, with the State and with the
20 field organization to both help with the projects and also
21 to help with decisions related to fisheries management and
22 the collection of information.

23

24 Plus on our side there'll probably be about -- I
25 think they're looking at like 14 new positions because each
26 of the teams will have a fisheries biologist added to it.
27 And in the Interior, there will be some new positions in
28 the Interior. We'll be adding a budget tech, we'll be
29 adding a public affairs specialist, there will be a
30 secretary that will assist Tom Boyd and Mitch and so.....

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Another question, and if
33 you don't have the answer just go ahead and tell me that
34 you don't, with the Board meetings, are they planning on
35 handling the fish issues and the wildlife issues at the
36 same meeting?

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38 MR. KNAUER: No. Essentially what they're
39 doing -- what they'll be doing is the cycles will be out of
40 synch. Right now, of course, with wildlife, the proposal
41 period is open in the fall, you deliberate the proposals
42 now and the Board then has its meeting to make the final
43 decisions in May. For fish, in fact, we'll talk about it
44 later, the proposal period is now. You'll deliberate fish
45 proposals in the fall and then the Board will have their
46 meeting to make the decisions in December so that the
47 regulations can go in place the first of March.

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49 We wouldn't want the fisheries regulations to

50 change right in the middle of fishing season. That would

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1 really complicate things.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So we're going to be
4 talking about that more?

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6 MR. KNAUER: Yes, the proposals.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: When and where at? Do
9 you have any idea what part of our.....

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11 MR. KNAUER: I think it's 9D.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: 9D, okay.

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15 MR. KNAUER: Uh-huh.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Any questions from the
18 Council. Any smiles for Bill.

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20 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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24 MS. WILSON: I wanted to know if the
25 subsistence fisheries proposal from Southeast, are we going
26 to be working on them now so that they could be presented
27 this coming fall?

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'll let Bill answer
30 that.

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32 MR. KNAUER: Okay. When I talk proposals,
33 I'm talking proposals to changes to regulations. I think
34 the booklet you got there is really dealing about proposals
35 for projects -- for resource monitoring projects. So I
36 should have been clear on that.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, you're going to be
39 here, thank you very much.

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41 MS. GARZA: I got a question.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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45 MS. GARZA: So for the increased load of
46 fisheries, will there be additional staffing to the
47 regions?

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49 MR. KNAUER: Well, we're adding a fisheries

50 biologist to each team and in the Interior they're adding

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1 an additional coordinator and an additional anthropologist.
2 So essentially there will be almost two full teams in the
3 Interior now instead of just one.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. We'll have more
6 questions as time goes on.

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8 MR. KNAUER: Okay.

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Because our paranoia is
11 going to grow from here. USDA Forest Service. Who's the
12 Forest Service, Fred, are you US or DA? USDA?

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14 MR. CLARK: Which would you prefer?

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: USDA.

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18 MR. CLARK: How about DASU or something.
19 Dave is conferring with Larry back here to see if Larry
20 wants to do any overall statements for the Forest Service.

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Larry who?

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24 MR. CLARK: Larry who?

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26 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, I've been
27 delegated again.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Who are you this time,
30 Mr. Meshew?

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32 MR. JOHNSON: I'm Mr. Meshew this time.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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36 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, in
37 response to the question regarding staffing, there's
38 currently a position that has just -- the vacancy has just
39 closed, which is the coordinator position for the Tongass.
40 It will be filled. Another position we hope to have on
41 later this summer or early fall would be the fisheries
42 position that is referenced in on the Forest Service side
43 that Bill mentioned for the Southeast time.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: For the biologist?

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47 MR. JOHNSON: That's correct. And then
48 beyond that we have to look at the organizational plan that
49 is the inter-agency plan for the whole statewide staffing

50 to see what's the next position to be filled.

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1 MS. GARZA: So is the logic in having a
2 fisheries person as the additional person because of the
3 monitoring projects or I'm not sure of the logic behind a
4 biologist when it seems like most of the things we do are
5 more policy related?

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7 MR. JOHNSON: Well, the proposals that
8 we're going to have as a result of the regulatory change
9 process, depending on what that is, will require that we
10 have additional fisheries biologist time to analyze those
11 proposals. And it will also require a person to coordinate
12 with the other fishery program biologists on the Tongass
13 for the subsistence related projects. So the degree of
14 complexity for our fisheries program, although we don't
15 know to what degree it's going to be more complicated, we
16 know that it's going to be significantly more complicated.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: One thing that's always
19 in the front of our mind is we're hoping that the Council
20 will, at least, be kept in the information loop as these
21 things progress. Because it's somewhat frustrating to get
22 something after the fact and then we have to make an
23 adjustment around that and we're out of adjustment now, so
24 if you guys can keep that in mind.

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26 MR. CLARK: We need a staff chiropractor.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That'd be good.

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30 MR. JOHNSON: What has occurred so far that
31 some of you may know is that we have worked individually
32 with certain members of the Council in some of the
33 communities, also we've worked with tribal members and
34 we've got a loop here between myself, Fred, Bill Lorens,
35 Cal, Harold Martin, Bob Schroeder, and ADF&G and other
36 members of the Council informally. As we get additional
37 information we will pass that on to Fred to formally keep
38 the Council, as a body, informed, if that's okay with the
39 wishes of the Council.

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41 MR. CLARK: From the Regional Office point
42 of view, which covers both the Tongass and the Chugach,
43 there has been a little bit of staffing change. The
44 regional team now for the Council is now entirely Forest
45 Service personnel. We've added the regional fisheries,
46 subsistence fisheries biologist, Cal Casipit, to the team.
47 The wildlife biologist member of the team is Dave Johnson.
48 The anthropologist that used to be Rachel is now me. And
49 I'm still doing the Council coordinator job. And Cal and

50 I, both, also have some regional responsibilities with the

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1 Subsistence Program covering both the Tongass and the
2 Chugach.

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4 We have some additional staffing we're looking at
5 for help in contracting, half a person, we'll have to get
6 out the chain saw on that one, I suppose, to help with the
7 projects, getting the projects that are identified and
8 funded, getting those contracted out. There is additional
9 money to beef up law enforcement, both the Tongass and the
10 Chugach with regards to subsistence.

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12 MR. JOHNSON: There's also an additional
13 attorney brought on board by the office of General Counsel
14 for additional subsistence analysis.

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16 MR. CLARK: That's about it for staffing, I
17 think.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do we have an attorney on
20 now?

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22 MR. CLARK: We do. I contacted him before
23 the meeting asking him to attend and he was planning on
24 being here but there was a hearing that didn't allow him to
25 come yesterday.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Who is he?

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29 MR. CLARK: His name is Jim Ustasiewski.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Sorry I asked. Same to
32 you.

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34 MR. CLARK: But we will put in another call
35 this afternoon to see if we can get Jim over here because
36 it's really important that he meet the Council and see how
37 things work with the real people.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.

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41 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, Patty first.

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45 MS. PHILLIPS: I was curious, don't take
46 any offense.....

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-oh.

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MS. PHILLIPS:but Rachel and Robert,

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1 they did proposal analysis in the past, is their
2 information on a disk that can be given to our new Staff --
3 or our new proposal analyzers? Because a lot of that
4 information can just be, you know, cut and pasted. Because
5 some of the questions I asked yesterday are questions that
6 I've asked in the -- that we've had data for in the past.
7 So, you know, maybe you guys can.....

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9 MR. CLARK: The simple answer, Patty, is,
10 yes, that information is available to the people doing the
11 analysis now. It does take a while to assimilate it, to be
12 able to roll it off, however.

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14 MS. PHILLIPS: Okay.

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16 MR. JOHNSON: Also I might add, Patty, that
17 the analysis that was presented by me was actually
18 performed by several biologist across the Tongass this year
19 that were most knowledgeable about that particular proposal
20 in that particular portion of the Tongass. So that was
21 part of the reason.....

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Excuse me, see that
24 little thing on the tripod in front of you?

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26 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, make better use of
29 it.

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31 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir, I will.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

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35 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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39 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, if you don't get
40 me first and right away I'll forget, so I forgot.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You forgot?

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44 MR. ADAMS: Yeah.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What'd you forget?

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48 MR. ADAMS: I don't know.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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1 MS. WILSON: I have a question.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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5 MS. PHILLIPS: I don't want to get balled
6 out so I'll get close to the mic, I wanted to know about
7 the contracting part of this. You're going to hire a half
8 a person or a persona half-time for contracting for what?

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10 MR. CLARK: The subsistence projects,
11 proposals, that are in front of you.

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13 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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15 MR. CLARK: Once those are selected, some
16 of those will need to be contracted out so we'll need help
17 getting that work done.

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19 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.

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23 MS. PHILLIPS: What would be the difference
24 between contracting out or compacting it out? What would
25 be that difference?

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27 MR. CLARK: Well, compacting is something
28 that's done through Department of Interior agencies, but
29 it's not done in Department of Agriculture agencies. We're
30 under different requirements and we have different
31 statutory authorities that we have to work under. And
32 actually I think what a lot of the projects are liable to
33 be this time around are actually procurements rather than
34 the contracts, which will be much simpler. So we'll
35 actually just pay people to do things.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Were you interested in
38 compacting?

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40 MS. PHILLIPS: I thought some projects
41 could be compacted out rather than contracted out.

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43 MR. JOHNSON: Patty, I don't know about
44 2000 but there also may be some projects that would be
45 partnership projects that would involve, instead of a
46 contract, say a challenge-cost share agreement or some
47 other type of participating instrument that would allow for
48 mutual kind of sharing or work done by tribes and Forest
49 Service. But that would be different than contracting.

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1 MR. CLARK: Patty, there are other
2 mechanisms that we can look at for future years as well.
3 Should the funding come through a different source than it
4 is now coming, we may be able to do things more in line
5 with the way the Department of Interior has been doing
6 things.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Dolly.

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10 MS. GARZA: So I certainly understand that
11 Department of Interior really has an excellent
12 infrastructure to deal with small grants, have done that
13 with co-management for years and it -- but it did initially
14 take some real leg work to do. Is Forest Service set up to
15 like sit down and turn these 19 or however many proposals
16 into projects so that people will get money on a timely
17 basis and all of that administrative stuff or is a lot of
18 that going to fall on you, Fred, who sounds like you've
19 already taken on another job with Rachel?

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21 MR. CLARK: Well, that's why we really need
22 to get some extra help. Both Cal and Dave are very much
23 involved in this, getting technical approvals, getting all
24 the hoops lined up that we need to go through. The smaller
25 money quantity projects will be pretty simple. And we are
26 working on the mechanisms for contracting so hopefully they
27 won't be as complicated next year as just getting on-line
28 this year.

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30 MR. JOHNSON: One of the things that we
31 plan to do is to take the information from the Fish and
32 Wildlife Service, Office of Subsistence Management for
33 those projects that are already ongoing in the Interior and
34 use those authorities and agreements or contracts in the
35 .809 process to see if we can't do some of the same thing
36 with the Forest Service.

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38 And again, as you know, 2000 is rolling along here
39 pretty quickly and so we're really concerned about making
40 sure that 2001, that we have the process in place to be
41 able to implement in a fairly short turnaround time.

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43 MR. CLARK: The second part of your
44 question, Dolly, had to do with getting people paid in a
45 timely manner. If we go with the procurements rather than
46 contracting that will be very, very quick.

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48 MS. GARZA: I guess the final question is,
49 once we pull this fisheries person on, I guess, by region,

50 will that fisheries person be the lead person for

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1 monitoring projects in the future or do we have a lead
2 person because it seems like that may be what we're missing
3 now, is that, we have too small of a staff and too many
4 things that have been thrown out there but we may not have
5 a dedicated person.

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7 MR. CLARK: Well, Dolly, Cal Casipit is
8 that dedicated person now. It's taking a while to work the
9 bugs out of the system and I'm sure that we'll be
10 struggling with it for a little while yet. But Cal is the
11 regional subsistence fisheries biologist and he will be
12 working closely with the Tongass fisheries biologist and
13 the Chugach fisheries biologist, and as well as the program
14 leaders for fisheries throughout the region for the non-
15 subsistence programs because everybody recognizes that the
16 subsistence fisheries program and the non-subsistence
17 fisheries program are very intertwined, you can't really
18 separate them and it is to everybody's advantage to keep
19 those moving together.

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21 MR. JOHNSON: Also at some point, Dolly,
22 from the standpoint of the Tongass, we'll be going to the
23 leadership team through Larry and the Forest Supervisor to
24 indicate the amount of workload that is to occur in the
25 remainder of FY2000 and then that group will have to decide
26 in terms of priorities and process, how they want to
27 proceed at that point.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.

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31 MS. PHILLIPS: Go ahead.

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33 MS. GARZA: I just had one more follow up.
34 So then in terms of Cal, so then as people have, and I'm
35 just trying to clarify, as projects get approved, if people
36 question me I want to be able to say -- what's that
37 commercial, go see Cal? Will he have the authorities to
38 make those decisions and to sit down and resolve things?

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40 MR. CLARK: Only if he has his dog Spot
41 with him.

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43 MS. GARZA: Okay. I thought it was a
44 monkey.

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46 MS. PHILLIPS: I'm curious.....

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That was uncalled for,
49 the Council apologizes.

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1 MS. GARZA: I apologize.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.

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5 MS. PHILLIPS: The coordinator position, I
6 hope would be filled with someone who's going to have some
7 tenure in this position. It's been advantageous to this
8 Council to have a coordinator who's been with us for years
9 and not have a turnover in that position.....

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11 MR. CLARK: Patty.

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13 MS. PHILLIPS:and I would hope to
14 have that in the.....

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16 MR. CLARK: There may be a little
17 confusion. The coordinator for the Tongass is not a
18 Council coordinator.

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20 MS. PHILLIPS: Right.

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22 MR. CLARK: So.....

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24 MS. PHILLIPS: Well, I'm talking about
25 someone who's going to be there.....

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27 MR. CLARK: Right.

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29 MS. PHILLIPS:who's not going to.....

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31 MR. CLARK: Right.

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33 MS. PHILLIPS:we're not going to
34 have.....

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36 MR. CLARK: Okay.

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38 MS. PHILLIPS:your whoever is not
39 going to have to bring him up to speed on a turnover type
40 basis, that they're going to be there with some
41 consistency.

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43 MR. CLARK: Okay.

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45 MS. PHILLIPS: Like you guys are.

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So there.

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49 MR. CLARK: Well said.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Even I understood that.

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3 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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7 MR. ADAMS: I just want to ask Fred a
8 question if I might. You mentioned a little while ago,
9 that Forest Service might get into something similar to
10 what the Department of Interior is doing, and I guess that
11 goes back to Patty's, you know, reference to compacting.
12 Do you have any idea how that would be approached and maybe
13 a little bit more details on it?

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15 MR. CLARK: Sure. I'd be happy to explain
16 that a little bit more.

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18 The Forest Service is broken down, basically, into
19 three different parts. There's the National Forest system
20 which is the part that those of us in this room work for,
21 except for Bob Schroeder. Bob works for Forest Science
22 Laboratory, the research arm of the Forest Service.
23 There's another arm called State and Private Forestry,
24 which deals with people off of National Forest lands. The
25 funding for these different parts of the Forest Service
26 come down, they're called different colors of money. And
27 the different arms have different authorities.

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29 MR. ADAMS: It's all green to me.

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31 MR. CLARK: So the State and Private
32 Forestry has the ability to do grants, to do assistance
33 types of things. That's how Department of Interior has set
34 up their contracting, their .809 contracts, as assistance
35 grants. That might not be the correct technical term, but
36 that's -- it's way -- that's essentially what it is. It's
37 assistance rather than, you know, contracting for services
38 per se.

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40 The National Forest System doesn't have that
41 granting capability. So if the Forest Service were to
42 bring the money from appropriations through State and
43 Private Forestry, then perhaps we could do something more
44 in line with what Department of Interior is doing.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Anything else from the
47 presenters?

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49 MR. CLARK: Not on staffing.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Anything else from the
2 presenters? Anything.

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4 MR. CLARK: I was hoping that Phyllis
5 Woolwine would be here to be able to give an update on
6 Special Forest Products but she had to be at a different
7 meeting so she was, again, unable to attend.

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Can Mr. MesheW fill in
10 for her?

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12 MR. CLARK: We can ask him. Mr. MesheW,
13 can you fill in for her? If not I would be happy to.

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15 MR. MESHEW: It would be better if you did
16 Fred because she doesn't work for me.

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18 MR. CLARK: She doesn't work for me,
19 either, but that's okay.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I just wanted to hear
22 something from Larry.

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24 MR. CLARK: Well, why don't you just order
25 him up to the table.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, no, no, I heard all
28 I want to hear.

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30 MR. CLARK: Okay. Well, I did distribute
31 these three stapled groups of paper which is the interim
32 special forest products resource management policy. It's
33 followed by kind of a background -- some background of how
34 that came about and to sum it up, it's all your fault,
35 remember a few years ago the Council made a proposal for
36 customary and traditional use determination on plants. So
37 it went through the Board and the Board says, well, we
38 can't do that, it's a Forest Service thing. So it got to
39 the Forest Service and the Forest Service said, you know,
40 we really do need to do something with this so what can we
41 do and at the same time we were looking at Washington and
42 Oregon and what had happened with special forest products
43 down there, special forest products -- excuse me, kind of a
44 brief definition, it's non-timber forest products. So
45 things other than trees, generally timber, trees.

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47 So we looked at what was happening with mushrooms,
48 with ferns, with u-trees, things of that sort. Seeing the
49 mess that was occurring, the volume of use, thinking that

50 Alaska was the next logical step and there was no policy

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1 for dealing with that stuff in Alaska. In fact, there
2 wasn't even a good national policy to deal with
3 applications for using these types of products. So we
4 initiated the policy development process with tribes, with
5 the Council, with other interested people around the region
6 and this is what has finally come out; this Interim Special
7 Forest Products Resource Management Policy. It has been
8 published in the Federal Register. It's open for public
9 comment right now and here in a couple of months it will
10 have -- we'll have all the public comments in and it will
11 be finalized taking those public comments into
12 consideration.

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How long is the comment
15 period open?

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17 MR. CLARK: I think it was a 90 day comment
18 period.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The reason I ask is
21 because I was approached about making a trip to D.C. to
22 talk with the policy team back there on this topic.

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24 MR. CLARK: I knew we could get Larry up
25 here.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Welcome, Larry.

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29 MR. MESHEW: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, and
30 Council, I'm Larry MesheW. I'm the wildlife, fisheries,
31 ecology, watershed and subsistence Staff Officer on the
32 Tongass.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's the acronym for
35 that?

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37 MR. MESHEW: We're still trying to figure
38 one out.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh.

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42 MR. MESHEW: In fact, we're trying to
43 figure out how to shorten that but not take subsistence out
44 of it.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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48 MR. MESHEW: And the last time I was able
49 to attend one of the Council meetings, at that time, I was

50 the Staff Officer for the Ketchikan area but at this point

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1 in time rather than being responsible for 5.2 million
2 acres, I've had additional responsibilities so I'm
3 responsible for the whole Tongass for the 17 million acres
4 on the Tongass. So consequently I have not been able to
5 attend as many of the Regional Advisory Council meetings as
6 I would like to. But I did have an opportunity to at least
7 get here for part of this meeting.

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, we're glad you're
10 here.

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12 MR. MESHEW: Thank you.

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. So is that
15 the sum total unless Phyllis shows up on forest products?

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17 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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21 MS. GARZA: I served on the committee that
22 reviewed the early documents and made changes to the
23 documents based on tribal comment -- primarily tribal
24 comments and so I can speak briefly and probably
25 inadequately for Phyllis' efforts. She certainly went out
26 of her way to include tribes. And the system was set up so
27 that the tribes were given the opportunity to provide input
28 first and I know that there are tribes who will tell you
29 that they were unhappy with the consultation because their
30 response was that there should be no use of these plants
31 for any reason and it should be left to Native traditional
32 customary harvest. And the balancing act that we had is
33 that the Tongass has a broader obligation to providing some
34 opportunities. And so the intent of the committee was to
35 provide that broader opportunity, however, to minimize any
36 kind of impact that we would have on rural and urban
37 communities where there are ongoing plant uses. And so
38 those comments, although, we may not have done exactly
39 what, like Sitka Tribe said, we did, to the best of our
40 ability, try and protect the uses in the Sitka area through
41 policy. And so as you go through it, I guess, if you have
42 criticism, also think about the positives in what was
43 trying to be accomplished through it.

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45 In Phyllis' presentation last week in Ketchikan,
46 her position is that this is an ongoing breathing document.
47 It should have comment during this 90 day period and that
48 it will likely change over the years as we either need to
49 provide additional protections or as some commercial

50 developments occur and we have to provide for those also.

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1 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.

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5 MR. CLARK: I might add, in addition to
6 that, that this is a regional policy. And as this becomes
7 finalized, we've moved forward to develop the forest level
8 applications of the policy so there will be guidelines and
9 forms and things of that nature that will be developed on a
10 district by district basis, essentially, that will tier to
11 the regional policy but it will be a local application that
12 will continue to involve local people and address local
13 concerns. So the process is not over yet, there is a great
14 deal of collaboration of consultation that still needs to
15 go on so each of you can continue, both in your roles as
16 Regional Advisory Council members and as members of your
17 local communities and those of you who are tribal members,
18 through that route.

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20 I suspect that that will be really getting underway
21 and enforced within the next couple of months. Phyllis
22 Woolwine is moving to Juneau. She'll be working out of the
23 Juneau Ranger District. And she will be working with folks
24 on the Forest level to get this moving down the road.

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26 Is there anything else that you wanted to add,
27 Larry?

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29 MR. MESHEW: No.

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31 MR. CLARK: Rather than go through this in
32 detail, what I'd like to do is just leave the materials
33 with you to go over and then if you have questions, either
34 during this meeting or as a follow up, feel free to get a
35 hold of me or get a hold of Phyllis directly.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. TEK.

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39 MR. CLARK: This is another one that is
40 kind of the Council's fault. The Council has always been
41 interested in bridging traditional ecological knowledge
42 with Western science. When proposals would come before the
43 Council and biologists or anthropologists would get up and
44 spout their great words of wisdom, often they needed to be
45 tempered by members of the Council who had deep insight
46 into the traditional knowledge.

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48 I distinctly remember several times when Herman
49 Kitka would speak up and talk about things from the

50 community point of view, from a very traditional point of

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1 view, that really set the ologists [sic] back on their
2 heels, myself included. And that was really, really very
3 much appreciated.

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5 I've been working trying to convince agencies for
6 about five years now that traditional knowledge is
7 something that they really need to take into account as
8 they're doing their scientific approach to resource
9 management. Kind of one element of that was a presentation
10 that was made by Paul Ford at a meeting of Grand Camp of
11 Alaska Native Brotherhood in Yakutat. This presentation
12 was actually a speech developed for the Regional Forester.
13 It was a commitment by the Forest Service to work with
14 Native people of Southeast Alaska on traditional ecological
15 knowledge. After that meeting it took a long time to get a
16 group going within the agency and within the Native
17 community to figure out what approach to take. A number of
18 people were contacted and eventually became part of a core
19 group, Dolly, among them and Bob Schroeder and myself and a
20 few other people here. What that group finally came to was
21 a decision to put on a conference on traditional knowledge
22 and Western science. That happened March 7th and 8th in
23 Ketchikan and from my point of view it was a great success.
24 It got a lot of people together to talk about traditional
25 knowledge and science, the similarities and the
26 differences.

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28 There were presentations by people from the
29 communities, people from the agencies looking at some
30 success stories of what has worked in terms of ways to
31 bridge traditional knowledge and Western science. For
32 instance, the place name studies that have been going on
33 using geographical informational systems as to technique or
34 the tool to use to address traditional place names. There
35 was another case study of bridging traditional knowledge
36 and Western science in Glacier Bay, with Hoonah and the
37 National Park Service.

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39 But all of these presentations were essentially a
40 lead up to the final day and a half of small group work
41 sessions where people address particular issues such as
42 intellectual property rights or how do you deal with
43 inconsistencies and information between Western science or
44 within traditional knowledge or between these two ways of
45 looking at the world. All of these breakout groups then
46 came back together to present their information to the
47 group as a whole. Those -- the information that was
48 presented at that time is being, right now, kind of
49 condensed and put into an understandable form that we'll be

50 able to distribute to people to give a better summary of

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1 what happened at the conference.

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3 If there is anybody else in the room who was at
4 that conference would like to give any more information on
5 that, it would be a good time to do that now.

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7 MS. WILSON: Fred.

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9 MR. CLARK: Marilyn.

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11 MS. WILSON: Yeah, all the information
12 that's being compiled, it will be sent to all the tribal
13 peoples and to this Council also?

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15 MR. CLARK: Right.

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17 MS. WILSON: And who else?

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19 MR. CLARK: All of the participants at the
20 conference, it will be sent to some of the major Native
21 organizations in the state.

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23 MS. WILSON: And then from there, everybody
24 looks it over and makes their suggestions or corrections,
25 right?

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27 MR. CLARK: Right. And there were also --
28 there was a group that was assigned at the meeting to kind
29 of pull this information together. There was some Forest
30 Service people and some tribal people and some other folks
31 from communities who will be working as a team to compile
32 the information, get the information out, get the feedback
33 from people -- from the participants and then go from there
34 to the next step.

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36 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Selina's got some stuff.

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40 MS. EVERSON: Stuff. Good afternoon,
41 ladies and gentlemen. My name is Selina Everson. I have
42 been serving as subsistence chair for ANS Grand Camp for at
43 least five years and for some reason this is my first
44 attendance at your advisory council and I just want to say,
45 I am learning a lot and listening to all of you and each
46 and every one of you and your contributions to this
47 advisory council. I just wanted to say thank you and I'm
48 glad to be here.

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And what I want to reiterate, Fred Clark, I was at

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1 the conference and very enlightening. And I agree with
2 Dolly Garza, that we should somehow encourage our elders in
3 the villages to work with the Federal agencies with their
4 traditional knowledge. We've lost so many valued elders
5 from Sitka, from Angoon, from Hoonah, from Haines, Klukwan.
6 Their knowledge should not have gone to the grave with them
7 and hopefully it hasn't. So I would like to say to the
8 Council, that they encourage our elders in the villages to
9 talk to our children that are in the school systems right
10 now, that are learning various fields into which they will
11 step after graduating like Dolly Garza has. And to
12 encourage our elders to talk to those children that are in
13 school so they can work with traditional knowledge hand in
14 hand with Western science.

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16 And the other idea, the idea of education on Title
17 VIII from Wanda Culp, as we all know she was one of Juneau
18 five or Juneau four on subsistence. I think I've heard the
19 expression; Title VIII can be defined in so many different
20 ways, it depends on who is reading it and who understands
21 to what extent those legal terms and everything can fool
22 you so it would be very well advisable to teach Title VIII
23 as Wanda Culp suggested.

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25 And with that, I'll conclude my remarks and once
26 again, say, (In Native). I said, thank you, and I'm very
27 thankful that I could be here to listen to you, Advisory
28 Council, and keep up the good work and may God bless you
29 all.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Gunal'cheech.

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33 (Applause)

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, come on you guys.

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37 MR. CLARK: If there are any
38 representatives from the Forest Service, from the districts
39 or the forest level, I will yield to them. I'm done unless
40 the Council has other questions.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Was there anybody here
43 that was at the TEK conference -- that's another question,
44 where did the E come from in the traditional knowledge?

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46 MR. CLARK: Ecological.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I know. But what -- it
49 was environmental, then ecological, EZ, et cetera.....

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1 MR. CLARK: Get me started and I'll give
2 you the whole spiel Bill. Since there is no one definition
3 of what it is that we're talking about so it has about
4 2,000 different names that it's referred to by.....

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, what would be wrong
7 with TK?

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9 MR. CLARK: That's what was used at the
10 conference. The conference was actually bridging
11 traditional Native knowledge and Western science.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's not a good mix.
14 Anybody else that was at the conference? Nobody wants to
15 fess up.

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17 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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21 MS. GARZA: I was at the conference and for
22 the number of conferences that I attend over the years I
23 thought it was one of the better ones because it did bring
24 in rural and Native Alaskans. And as you sat at that
25 conference, you know, when you go to a typical conference
26 and you have presentations and people run around and do
27 their business and do whatever they want to do and then
28 show up for a few presentations they are there. This was a
29 conference where people came in from wherever they came in
30 and they sat down and they sat through the whole thing.
31 And when it came to the working groups, you know, typically
32 you'll find people who sneak away, people were dying to get
33 into those working groups because they wanted their input
34 into this whole process. And people stayed there through
35 the bitter end.

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37 As we talked about what are we going to do with
38 this, will this just be another conference where we have a
39 document on a shelf, they said, no, and we came up with
40 ideas of how we would deal with it. We have this ad hoc
41 committee that will try and synthesize things, get them
42 into a better format. I don't know if it will be smaller,
43 it may have to stay large just because there is so much
44 that it's important. But we would try to send information
45 or action ideas to places like ANB, ANS, AITC, perhaps AFN,
46 or our own regionals T&H, STA, KIC so that we can assist in
47 developing processes to involve Native people and
48 traditional knowledge into decisions.

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And because that was the focus of those working

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1 groups, you really say rural Alaska, man, hang in there
2 until the end to make sure that their ideas were
3 represented. And to that end, I think, Fred, because I
4 thought that the intent of the conference was there and
5 people knew what they wanted and they got what they wanted
6 out of it.

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8 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.

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13 MR. CLARK: Thank you, Dolly. It's
14 important to note also that the conference was co-hosted by
15 Ketchikan Indian Corporation. So it wasn't just the Forest
16 Service putting this thing on. We had a lot of help from
17 Staff and Council members on Ketchikan Indian Corporation,
18 tribal members that was just incredible value. In fact,
19 even the name of the conference was changed on their
20 advice. We took out ecological because nobody really knew
21 what it means. So, you know, that allowed it to be more
22 inviting to people from the communities and still left
23 plenty of leeway for the scientist types. It worked out
24 quite well that way.

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26 I also wanted to express my appreciation for the
27 help of a number of people who on the Council, who helped
28 plan and gave a lot of input into making the conference a
29 big success. And particularly I want to thank Phyllis
30 Woolwine because she pitched in and helped put the agenda
31 together. The major coordination with Ketchikan Indian
32 Corporation for me, she really did a yeoman's job.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: A woman's job.

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36 MR. CLARK: Uh-huh, a yeoman's job.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Ida.

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40 MS. HILDEBRAND: Mr. Chairman, Ida
41 Hildebrand, BIA Staff Committee member. You asked for
42 comments from people who were at the conference and
43 although I was only there for a day, I wanted to comment
44 that I was impressed with the amount of interest from the
45 variety of people. There were agency people, Federal
46 people, State people, local people and the thing that
47 caught my interest mostly is one the changing back to
48 traditional knowledge, those words; and the sense of
49 absolute interest. Participants didn't leave during the

50 breaks, they continued to discuss with whomever was sitting

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1 at their table. It was a real fruitful beginning, and I
2 think it can only get better.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

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6 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair. Dave Johnson. I
7 also attended the session in Ketchikan and what impressed
8 me most was the organization. The groups that were around
9 the room and the recording process that took place for
10 capturing that information, I believe, will work into some
11 documents that will be kind of living documents that will
12 provide information to a variety of users. And that's kind
13 of unique with Forest Service kinds of meetings and
14 conferences. It's good information but it usually doesn't
15 come away in a format or in a process that allows for
16 disseminations and changes and modifications.

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18 Also I'd just like to make my closing comments, Mr.
19 Chairman, I appreciate the opportunity to work with the
20 Council again and appreciate all the comments with regard
21 to the proposals. And just, that's all I have.

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: With regard to new things
24 we've learned and tried at the conference, I think it was
25 healthy in many respects and we're going to bridge a gap
26 for all of us to design and build that bridge together. So
27 I think that was good start. I think Ida was right on when
28 she made her comments.

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30 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chair.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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34 MS. WILSON: I always try to be hesitant
35 about speaking too much but I was at the conference also.
36 And like Dave said, it was well organized and well put
37 together and we have some good people among us that do
38 these great meetings.

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40 I've always thought about traditional knowledge and
41 how important it is to us in making these decisions in our
42 proposed changes. And when we get this document from this
43 meeting, all of us will get it and the tribal entities, the
44 ANB and ANS, communities, and if we could encourage our
45 people back home to work on this document and to look
46 through it and study it and have their input in it it will
47 be really important because every little bit helps. And
48 all I can say it's just really important and I'm really
49 glad this happened.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Park Service.
2 Where did all these Park Service people come from.

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4 MR. SUMMERS: Council members, Mr.
5 Chairman, Clarence Summers, National Park Service. I just
6 have maybe one or two items, the first one being Ray
7 Sensmier was recently appointed to the Wrangell-St. Elias
8 Subsistence Resource Commission as the Chair. The
9 Commission met in, I believe, in the Tazlina area and Bert
10 attended, his first meeting.

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is Bert still on there?

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14 MR. SUMMERS: Bert's on the Subsistence
15 Resource Commission for Wrangell-St. Elias appointed by the
16 Southeast Regional Council.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How come he's not
19 chairing it?

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21 MR. SUMMERS: That's between Bert and the
22 Council, actually the Commission makes that appointment and
23 so at their next meeting -- the Chairman serves for a year
24 actually so there's opportunity for Bert to participate as
25 Chair in the near future, hopefully.

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27 MR. ADAMS: I'm the new kid on the block.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The last rep we had on
30 there was the Chairman, so I thought it stayed that way.
31 Okay, continue.

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33 MR. SUMMERS: The next item has to do with
34 the Park Service, it's a statewide attempt by the Park
35 Service to compile a list of subsistence activities within
36 each Park unit where subsistence is authorized. And that's
37 something that we're trying to develop. We've got a core
38 group that's putting that together and hopefully in the
39 near future I'll be able to report to you on this activity.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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43 MR. SUMMERS: That takes care of my report
44 unless there are questions.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Lots of questions. Thank
47 you very much.

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49 MR. SUMMERS: Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That was just too
2 thorough of a report.

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4 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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8 MR. ADAMS: I guess you can say that I was
9 the co-Chairman because when Ray took over as the Chair, I
10 had to help him along with, you know, Parliamentary
11 procedure and Robert's Rules and stuff, so.....

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So you were the Chairman
14 then.

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16 MR. ADAMS: Yeah.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's good. That helps
19 me a lot. Glacier Bay. That's what we were saving our
20 eggs for.

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22 MR. CAPRA: Don't throw the eggs. Mr.
23 Chairman, members of the Council, my name is Jim Capra, I'm
24 with Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve.

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26 I don't have much to report. I know people are
27 interested in the ongoing project with Hoonah, so I can
28 tell you that we're entering the second year of a
29 biological study on the seagull colonies in Glacier Bay.
30 And it's the second year of a two year study to gather
31 biological data. We have the support of the Assistant
32 Secretary of Interior to start changing the regulations to
33 work with Hoonah to come up with a solution to our problem.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do you feel like the
36 problems have been adequately presented so that you'll come
37 up with solutions that will satisfy those problems?

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39 MR. CAPRA: I hope so. I think we're
40 working towards it. And all I can say is the solution is
41 at least one more year away.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's stopping it from
44 coming to pass? Would it be politics, mind set or
45 attitudes?

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47 MR. CAPRA: It could be any one of the
48 above, they've all been stumbling blocks before. But I
49 have hope that we're going to come up with a solution.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Because if you
2 don't fix it we're going to replace you. Questions.

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4 MS. RUDOLPH: Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mary, are you affected by
7 this regulation?

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9 MS. RUDOLPH: Yes.

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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13 MS. RUDOLPH: I talked with Jim this
14 morning and talked about the things that were going on
15 there. I think the only drawback that they will be seeing
16 is probably from the tribe. There is not enough
17 information coming out to the tribe as it is to the office
18 of HIA. I think it needs to be pushed so that maybe they
19 find someone in HIA office as maybe natural resources or
20 someone that is willing to work with the tribe and getting
21 the information to the Board. Because right now the Board
22 is -- I think some of them are totally unaware of what is
23 happening between the Parks and a couple of the Board
24 members in HIA. And I know the concerns the tribal members
25 are having is that too much of major decisions are being
26 made without their input. And like what I said before,
27 that they need to -- what they need to do when they're
28 having meetings or when, at any time, the Park Service is
29 coming out, is to maybe go around and call tribal members
30 and whether they come or not, the information was given to
31 them, the opportunity was given to them to come and make
32 their decision. But as it is, the Park Service is coming
33 in and we're not aware of it. And whatever is happening in
34 that meeting is not coming out to the tribe.

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36 So I think in the long-run it's something that
37 could backfire at the end because they're not going to be
38 happy with the results. And what they'll be doing is
39 blaming the Park Service for making regulations that will
40 be maybe detrimental or could be helpful. But whereas if
41 you work with the whole tribe they will have an input on it
42 and they will know that part of the stuff that's going
43 through is going to be their decisions.

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45 So I kind of would emphasize like for me as a
46 Council member, I'm not aware of any time when the Park
47 Service are coming out and I would like to know, because I
48 do call around and let everyone know that the Park is
49 coming out and they're going to tell us what they're going

50 to discuss and then let them know. But I think that would

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1 be your only drawback because that information isn't coming
2 out to the tribes.

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4 MS. GARZA: So, Mary, you were mentioning
5 HIA, who is that?

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7 MS. RUDOLPH: We have our administrator
8 working with them.

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10 MS. GARZA: So part of it is within your
11 Council, your president and admin person isn't getting it
12 out to the public?

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14 MS. RUDOLPH: No, no information is coming
15 out.

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17 MS. GARZA: Okay.

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19 MS. RUDOLPH: Not enough to let us all
20 know, anyway.

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22 MS. GARZA: So are there any kind of
23 documents or notifications that you can send to a broader
24 base? Because I know that becomes an issue in some other
25 smaller communities where the response is, well, we sent
26 that to the IRA so we're covered but if it's someone who
27 doesn't check their mail or someone's on vacation or the
28 IRA is defunct, then that information, in effect, isn't
29 getting out there so we need to figure out how to get
30 something to a broader base in Hoonah. Do you do that?

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32 MR. CAPRA: I don't personally do that but
33 I think like we do in other communities, where I live in
34 Yakutat, is if we have anything that needs public notice we
35 have a list of seven places in town that we post it and
36 certain people we contact. I think we can get a list
37 together like that for Hoonah.

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39 MS. GARZA: Okay. So maybe you can come up
40 with a list, Mary.

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42 MS. RUDOLPH: (Nods affirmatively)

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44 MS. GARZA: So in terms of time-line, what
45 are you looking at?

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47 MR. CAPRA: For the seagull eggs, this
48 year, as I said will be the second year of a two year study
49 to ensure, scientifically, that the -- that the seagull

50 population is healthy and could stand some kind of harvest.

1 The traditional knowledge will come in on how the
2 seagull eggs were harvested and hopefully mix those two and
3 then come up with a plan. It also requires a regulation
4 change to allow for harvest of resources in a National Park
5 and that is not -- it's not done. We do have the support
6 of the assistant Secretary of Interior to do that, so.....

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8 MS. GARZA: So the seagull egg issue it
9 seems like is a multi-pronged one. One is the ability to
10 harvest in the Park, but then there was another one,
11 because of Migratory Bird Treaty. Has that broader issue
12 been resolved on migratory birds?

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14 MR. CAPRA: The changes in the Migratory
15 Bird Treaty have pretty much -- they've been addressed, not
16 specifically towards Hoonah and Southeast but it does allow
17 for a finding that a Southeast community would have
18 traditional use of this resource and this area so it is --
19 there is a mechanism where it can be allowed in other
20 places. There's still the hurdle of the Park regulations.

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22 MS. GARZA: Okay. So I guess, diverging on
23 to that for a second, I don't know that I've need that like
24 on a one-page flyer or anything, but I know that there are
25 a lot of people in Southeast who still understand that they
26 shouldn't be taking seagull eggs so if that opportunity is
27 now provided we need to make sure that members understand
28 that they're not being illegal anymore as they take it
29 because the take surely is continuing. But if there have
30 been changes, we need to get that out to people.

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32 MR. CAPRA: I would have to ask the Fish and
33 Wildlife folks for specifics but I understand that there's
34 a mechanism to do that community by community for Southeast
35 now.

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37 MS. GARZA: Mary.

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39 MS. RUDOLPH: Well, I was just wondering,
40 you know, you're talking about another year because of the
41 studies and stuff. If there was a possibility that some of
42 the tribal members could get seagull eggs wouldn't you just
43 be able to count the ones they have as they're leaving?

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45 MR. CAPRA: I.....

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47 MS. RUDOLPH: Because they don't take
48 everything out of there. They know exactly which ones to
49 take, where to go and which ones not to touch. I mean if

50 you guys can count pellets it seems like you'd be able to

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1 count the eggs.

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3 MR. CAPRA: Pellets don't hatch. I don't
4 know. I know the biologists who are working on it have
5 answered that their preference to get the best results for
6 the study is no eggs are taken during the study.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: When is the study?

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10 MR. CAPRA: The study is entering the
11 second year of a two year study so this would be the last
12 year.

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Are they out there on-
15 site now?

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17 MR. CAPRA: Not on site now. It will be
18 before the eggs are laid and probably until fledgling.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So they use a pellet
21 count picture or what?

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23 MR. CAPRA: I'm pretty sure they're just
24 counting eggs.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I see, okay.

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28 MR. CAPRA: Unless the deer get on there.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, those don't wash
31 away so easy.

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33 MS. GARZA: So if there aren't other
34 comments from the Council we do have public comment request
35 from public on Glacier Bay. Go ahead.

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37 MR. ADAMS: Jim, were you at the last YTT
38 Council meeting, it seems like I saw you there?

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40 MR. CAPRA: The one in the Forest Service
41 office?

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43 MR. ADAMS: Yes.

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45 MR. CAPRA: Yes, I was. I missed the very
46 first part but.....

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48 MR. ADAMS: You remember one of our council
49 members addressed Egg Island, how they used to burn brush,

50 you know, in the fall, and the purpose of that was to

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1 ensure, you know, that there was a healthy amount of --
2 well, an adequate amount of places on Egg Island for sea
3 gulls to lay their eggs in the spring because that brush
4 would grow pretty fast and they knew that taking care of
5 the environment was pretty important. So what they would
6 do is they would take a section of Egg Island and burn it
7 in the fall and that would leave, you know, adequate room
8 for the sea gulls to lay their eggs and roost and hatch
9 them all next year. And then the next year they would go
10 out and to another part. And that's how they kept, you
11 know, their seagull population healthy.

12
13 When we were in Ketchikan for this traditional
14 knowledge conference, I heard, Wayne Hall, when he gave his
15 report and he said that there are areas in Glacier Bay
16 where there used to be seagull eggs but it's all grown over
17 now. So maybe that needs to be addressed and cleared or
18 figured out how that can be done so they can start laying
19 their eggs over there again.

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21 Just a matter of information.

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23 MR. STOKES: Mr. Chairman.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Richard.

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27 MR. STOKES: I was just going to ask,
28 you're only doing the study in Glacier Bay; is that
29 correct?

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31 MR. CAPRA: That's correct.

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33 MR. STOKES: Have you considered other
34 areas, like outside of Noise Island and Seagull Bluff?

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

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38 MR. STOKES: And offshore of.....

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Stikine River.

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42 MR. CAPRA: Mr. Chairman thinks you're
43 telling me too much, I don't know.

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45 MS. PHILLIPS: He doesn't want studies to
46 be -- he doesn't want attention brought to these areas.

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48 MR. STOKES: Well, I mean there's other
49 areas, you know.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Don't pay any attention
2 to him. Never-mind.

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4 MS. PHILLIPS: He's with the Park --
5 Glacier Bay National Park.

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7 MR. STOKES: Oh, okay.

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9 MR. CAPRA: Yeah, this is just specifically
10 directed for Glacier Bay.

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12 MR. STOKES: Okay, that's fine. I
13 apologize.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Excuse our rude
16 interruption, Jim.

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18 MR. CAPRA: Mum's the word.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Comment. Wanda. Are you
21 from Juneau or Hoonah or Glacier Bay?

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23 MS. CULP: It's kind of a territorial
24 thing.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, I see. Like an oil
27 slick, uh?

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29 MS. CULP: Yeah, you never know, once you
30 get that oil in there.

31
32 Regarding the seagull egg study. The year before
33 last when the study was started, the Park chose to
34 interview people in Hoonah about the seagull egg harvest
35 rather than having the Hoonah people show the Park how we
36 do it. And my observation on this interviewing people is
37 the method was not a good one because it was so easily
38 contaminated. One of the gals that was interviewing the
39 people in Hoonah was a total wreck by the time she was done
40 with her little project. She was an emotional wreck. This
41 is an emotional thing with the Hoonah people and it
42 demonstrated in the answers. So you -- she was concerned,
43 one answer, one young man said that every egg is taken out
44 of the nest, which we all know is not true. So that's how
45 easy that was to contaminant that so-called study. So the
46 method wasn't the best that could have been done.

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48 And one of the solutions to resolving the problem
49 between Hoonah and the National Park Service, specifically

50 Glacier Bay, is to fully involve the clans that are

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1 involved. We can appreciate that the Hoonah Indian
2 Association has their famous memorandum of understanding
3 which opens up communication lines between the Federal
4 government and the tribe, however, the tribal government as
5 well as National Park Service needs to look at the clans as
6 holding some answers here. And when the Park does have its
7 meetings, make sure that those clan members that are very
8 interested in coming to a solution are notified. There's
9 been a couple of planned meetings that I heard about after
10 they were over and done with, you know, (in Native) so
11 Glacier Bay is where I'm from.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'm having a tough time
14 with you.

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16 MS. CULP: I know it, I know it. It's like
17 a bad penny. Another thing, just to let you know straight
18 out and point blank is we want to hunt seal there legally.
19 Every payoff party or potlatch we have in Hoonah there is
20 seal meat present and every time that seal is from Glacier
21 Bay. It would be really nice to be able to go in there and
22 hunt seal and do it without feeling like we have to steal
23 our food which is what we've been doing effectively for
24 years.

25
26 So the next study that comes up, ask the people to
27 demonstrate how we gather it rather than ask the questions,
28 it will be more effective.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Maybe you can give him
31 some guidance on who they should contact?

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33 MS. CULP: Begin by contacting the hunters
34 and the fishermen that use the Park. Again, I'll say,
35 these ones are the ones that are pretty close to the elders
36 because these are the ones who will be getting the food for
37 the people for the payoff parties, for the sharing, and, of
38 course, the clan leaders, (In Native) the primary ones for
39 Hoonah.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Put (In Native)'s down
42 there last.

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44 MS. CULP: We always save the last for
45 best. (In Native)'s last on the list. They always get the
46 last word, too.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.
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MS. CULP: Thank you, Bill.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Now, we're going to hear
2 from a White boy. Frank. Give us your name, rank and
3 serial number.

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5 MR. WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
6 Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Frank White. I'm a tribal
7 leader from Hoonah. I belong to the Wolf/Eagle Tribe.

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9 My tribe is one of the main four tribes that came
10 out of Glacier Bay. Glacier Bay, you know, didn't always
11 have ice. At one time my grandfathers would tell me that
12 there was no ice in Glacier Bay. But the ice decided to go
13 and pushed us all out of Glacier Bay. And this is a little
14 history, from there the tribes either moved into Excursion
15 Inlet, the Shark Tribe, (In Native) moved down toward
16 shore, settled in from Village Point down to the Rocky
17 area. But our main tribe -- my tribal lands was around
18 Groundhog Bay.

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20 There was some diggings there a few years back,
21 University of Washington has those diggings what they dug
22 up from the artifacts. And carbon dated is 10,000 years
23 and this was after the ice moved us out.

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25 It's kind of a sore spot when the Hoonah people
26 have been told about Glacier Bay. Hoonah people never
27 abandoned Glacier Bay. If the ice did not move us out,
28 Hoonah probably would have been in Glacier Bay. But the
29 ice did move us out. And we all migrated to different
30 areas. Some went to Sitka, some went to Klukwan, some went
31 across the ice fields into Yakutat area, Alsek and those
32 areas, down through Chatham Straits. But we never
33 abandoned our fish camps, we're a seasonal people, we move
34 from one camp to another for different foods.

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36 I heard something about seagull eggs a while ago,
37 we don't pick all the eggs out of one nest. If there's one
38 egg in there we'll take it, if there's two, we'll take it,
39 if there's three it's a question, four, we definitely leave
40 it alone. But we don't take all of it. Like I said, three
41 is a question it's up to you, but four, it's a no, no. We
42 never pick four in one nest because we know from three to
43 four eggs in the nest they're already forming in the egg
44 already.

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46 One thing I'm pleased about is we have a council
47 now whereas in the past we had no representation. And it's
48 because of that we lost Glacier Bay. Although it is our
49 homeland, Park Service says we can't go up there. Anything

50 in the past that we were allowed at one time to hunt and

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1 fish and pick seagull eggs up there, those things were very
2 sacred to us because it came from our homeland, and it's
3 very dear to us, especially when they tell us this seal is
4 from Glacier Bay or this mountain goat is from Glacier Bay,
5 berries that we pick from Glacier Bay is very special to
6 us, too, because like I said a while ago it's from our
7 homeland. Every human being on earth treasures the things
8 they get from their homeland and that's the way we feel.

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10 I heard one lawmaker said -- I will not say his
11 name, he said, who are these people anyway, he said, they
12 just came out of the woods. Very strong statement. Kind
13 of degrading, too.

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15 But still most Tlingit people -- I take that back,
16 not Tlingit, but Tlingit, the right pronunciation, we're
17 very proud people. And it's getting -- we're getting a lot
18 stronger and stronger because we're sending some of our
19 kids to the White man's school and a lot of them are coming
20 out doctors now, some are coming out doctors, some are
21 coming out lawyers, and because of that we are getting
22 stronger. But because I think it's coming from this kind
23 of group here, the Council here, that we are having more
24 input and more say so to our children and filling in our
25 children that we need to know more about White man's law.
26 In the past they came in and took what they want. In our
27 culture we could never do that. We never did that. If we
28 went into another tribal land, we asked the head man in the
29 tribe if we could hunt there or we could fish there, out of
30 his stream or if we could pick berries there, and he
31 allocates just how much you can have and we never go past
32 that. And vice versa, some of the other tribes come to our
33 land and ask permission. We just didn't take it without
34 permission.

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36 But some of the things of, what do you call it,
37 Western culture, started to seep in on us. And because we
38 didn't have the weapons they had, all we had was a bow and
39 arrow and a spear whereas they had rifles, cannons, it
40 would have been a lot different story if we had those
41 things ourselves.

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43 But we made a lot of progress, a lot of progress.
44 Like I said a while ago, a lot of our kids are going to
45 college now because of concerned people like you people
46 here telling them what -- you come up against and this kind
47 of gathering. My father used to tell me, he says, you're
48 never too old to learn, every day you're learning
49 something. Every day.

1 But subsistence, I don't like that word,
2 subsistence, myself. We never, us Tlingits, we never --
3 and Haida's and the Aleuts, the Eskimos, it was our main
4 food source, it's what we really lived on. Subsistence is
5 something that you just -- to fill in, you know, your main
6 source of food. What we took as subsistence, it was from
7 the store, we got sugar, butter, tea, salt and that was our
8 subsistence because it was not our main food source.

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10 Like I said a while ago, anything that came out of
11 Glacier Bay was real -- something special to us all the
12 time. It was even announced at potlatches, this seal came
13 from Glacier Bay or this berries came from Glacier Bay. It
14 was our homeland, and it is still our homeland. And again
15 I said that, you know, at least we got some input now
16 through you people. The government just can't go and step
17 in now and take it without no representation, at least we
18 got a little say so.

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20 I'm so worked up right now with everything going
21 through my mind but what I'm saying right now is from my
22 heart, I didn't have to write this down. These things were
23 told to me from the time I was just a little boy. I think
24 I'm the last one -- one of the last generations to grow up
25 the old way. I know my language. I know my Tlingit
26 language. It was the first language I learned before
27 English. So I know what it is to live off the land.

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29 Some of my tribal members just number with the
30 children and all, probably around 200. There's over 800
31 people from different tribes in Hoonah. Tlingit people
32 used to be a very large tribe here in Alaska in Southeast.
33 They numbered into the thousands. But when White man came
34 in among us, our tribe depleted. The epidemic hit us and
35 it wiped out some little villages, completely wiped out.
36 My father's tribe was one of the largest tribes in
37 Southeast. Over 20,000 died. My father used to -- tears
38 come down his face when he talked about it and yet we never
39 depleted or fish, our game because we know how to keep
40 something for the next day or keep something so it can
41 regenerate again. We weren't 'just a few like we are now.
42 We've been restricted to just take a few game because the
43 biologist say that we're going to deplete it. Not so. If
44 this depletion would happen it would have happened a long,
45 long time ago when our tribes were very large. Like I said
46 we were in the thousands, thousands of people. And some of
47 the anthropologists are just now starting to find out just
48 how many people there were in Southeast.

So I stand here, I agree with what my tribal

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1 sister, Mary, said a while ago, I really agree with her and
2 my other tribal sister, Wanda, I agree with her a whole
3 lot. Every time the name Glacier Bay comes up, it hits a
4 sore spot. We start thinking back to our homeland because
5 like I say our homeland is, four main tribes came out, and
6 I'll say here for the record, Glacier Bay belongs to the
7 (In Native) tribe because it was paid in blood. And that
8 person that paid for it, her name was Costine (ph), she
9 didn't want to move, she didn't want to leave Glacier Bay,
10 the ice went over here.

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12 Thank you for your time, Mr. Chairman. Thank you
13 for your time.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Gunal'cheech.

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17 MR. WHITE: Gunal'cheech.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: If I were you, I'd
20 rethink the company you keep besides Wanda and Mary. The
21 president of Mexico, Mr. McKinley.

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23 MR. McKINLEY: Before I get started, I
24 think, well, in the ANB we're all taught Parliamentary and
25 we know Parliamentary procedures frontwards and backwards,
26 you know, so I'm going to address you, Mr. Chairman and
27 Board members and fellow Americans.

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29 We're talking about Glacier Bay, like my brother
30 Frank stated, in Tlingit we're all taught (In Native), no
31 where you come from, know who you are. Mary knows that,
32 too. Like Mary's my tribal sister and Wanda. Like what my
33 brother Frank has stated, there were actually five tribes
34 that came out of Glacier Bay, but the other tribe actually
35 got extinguished, (In Native), in Tlingit, you say that
36 they're all gone. There were four main tribes that came
37 out of there so there's only four of us left and that's
38 your raven tribe (In Native), the wolf, my brother's a wolf
39 over there and my other sister, I guess she's gone from
40 over there, Millie Stevens, and (In Native), that's what
41 Mary is, and I'm the shark (In Native). Since I'm the son
42 of a raven, I'm the (In Native), I'm the son of a wolf.
43 And then my dad, his father was (In Native) so I'm the
44 grandchild of a the (In Native), so we're all taught, just
45 like what my brother has stated, Frank, we're all taught
46 conservation. Conservation methods. And we actually don't
47 make fun of our food and things like that.

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49 Like everybody's talking about the brown bear, like

50 the brown bear is actually the (In Native) porpoise.

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1 We also actually mountain goat, we actually
2 survived on mountain goat. And my grandfather, actually
3 his name was David McKinley and he's the one that passed
4 all these things on to us.

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6 Like what my brother, Frank, has stated, when we go
7 up to pick seagull eggs we're all taught, in other words we
8 go up there, in Tlingit you say (In Native), which means
9 that just not any way, and you don't go off the cliff like
10 that and look down for seagull eggs down there otherwise
11 the seagull -- a sea gull will actually protect his eggs,
12 too, so if you go up t the edge, the seagull will actually
13 throw you off the cliff. And we're all taught safety to go
14 up there. Like what Frank has stated, one egg in the nest,
15 okay, two, okay, three -- three we actually pick, probably
16 one or two and leave it alone, we pick that for our elder.
17 In Tlingit we call that (In Native), our older people like
18 that one. But what Frank has stated, four you leave that
19 alone. In Tlingit it's (In Native), leave it alone.
20 That's how we're all taught. And our people, like Frank
21 has stated, like our people actually -- we actually
22 occupied Gustavus, that area, and we moved on from there to
23 Homeshore, and every year the Glacier Bay wind comes up
24 every year so we got pushed inland. Our tribal people knew
25 that there was a big river up the bay where they call PAF
26 today. And you'll notice that where all our people
27 settled, they settled where all the fish rivers are so we
28 can smoke our salmon. And a lot of our people actually
29 don't mention here, that our people actually go up the
30 river, they went up the river because actually they run out
31 of oil, they run out of oil. Plus that and the salmon that
32 we actually smoke. And the one in the saltwater, you
33 actually harvest that one to salt it, salt it. And in
34 Glacier Bay we also picked soberries, go up there every --
35 every time we get the opportunity to get up there and at
36 that time, my uncle actually told me, Gilbert Mills, he
37 told us that migration, we went toward our direction, like
38 what Frank said, and the (In Native) and the raven tribe
39 went towards Hoonah. They call that Hoonah, but they call
40 it Hoonah, Hoonah, that's the name of our -- that's how we
41 called it long ago. That's where we all come from.

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43 And like the Park Service, actually long ago
44 probably in the 30s, I don't know, but they had an
45 agreement with us that we could go up there and use the
46 land before it became Park Service, but they actually broke
47 that agreement, a breech of contract. Since I'm a finance
48 man, I know I have a lot of friends in the Forest Service,
49 that's where I retired from, the Federal government, after

50 35 years in finance.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's why they got no
2 money.

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4 MR. McKINLEY: That's why you have no money
5 but let me tell you, we have over nine billion dollars
6 committed in 2001, right that down. That's over two
7 billion dollars more than 2000, the year 2000. You got to
8 keep track of these things.

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10 And like what brother Frank, said, long ago, before
11 the Tlingit-Haida judgment came out, we used to spell
12 Tlingit and Haida, but before Tlingit and Haida came about,
13 we used to spell Tlingit, Thlinget, which was spelled T-h-
14 l-i-n-g-e-t, that's how it used to be spelled long ago
15 before the Tlingit-Haida judgment award came in at 7.2
16 million dollars which was awarded by the Federal government
17 to our people.

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19 Other things we got from our Glacier Bay was wild
20 rice. Our people, we don't come out and tell all these
21 people what we eat so they might make that subsistence and
22 then it restricts us from getting it. That's why we don't
23 come out and tell them. But my position right now is to
24 tell the Federal government what is customary to us. And
25 during the Tlingit-Haida convention in Sitka, actually I
26 was named after Dr. Alfred Whitmark, because he and my dad
27 played basketball together and Al Whitmark actually told
28 me, he said, subsistence, he said he didn't like that word,
29 and I looked at -- and I didn't like that either, and I
30 said, why don't -- why couldn't we call it our Tlingit
31 food, and why couldn't the Athabascans, which wasn't
32 mentioned should be called Athabascan food, Eskimo food,
33 Aleut food, Haida food. And of course, I voted against
34 subsistence. I was a delegate and Dr. Al Whitmark told me
35 to look this up in the dictionary, you can look that up for
36 yourselves, subsistence actually means supplement.
37 Supplement food that we eat today. And our Native food --
38 and another thing, too, when they say Native, before all
39 these things came about, how come -- we used to call us
40 Indians, now, we're Natives. I'm still puzzled.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'll tell you when you're
43 through.

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45 MR. McKINLEY: Okay. When I entered the
46 Armed Forces, true story, I'll tell you, what are you,
47 what's your nationality/race? And I told the person who
48 was interviewing me, I told him that I'm a Tlingit. A
49 Tlingit, he said, a Greek or Italian, he said he didn't

50 know. Well, as far as I know I'm a Tlingit so he was

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1 puzzled so he looked it up in the dictionary and the
2 dictionary said, you know, you're Indian, American-Indian,
3 oh, I am, so in my record it shows American Indian, not
4 Tlingit.

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6 I mean there's all kinds of things that I see here
7 that I don't know but I understand that the Park Service is
8 trying to work with our people in Hoonah. And since I'm
9 staying in Juneau I don't know what's happening in that
10 area, but I'll be glad to -- I know my cousin over there is
11 the president of the IRA, Grant -- his last name is Grant,
12 I forgot his.....

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Kenny Grant.

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16 MR. McKINLEY: Kenny Grant is my cousin
17 over there. And I know he has a master's degree so I'm
18 pretty sure he's going to do a good job for our people over
19 there. But these are things that are happening, that every
20 time we start naming any of our foods, the non-Native will
21 come out with equal rights, equal -- everything's always
22 equal rights. But to me, the problem I see with equal
23 rights, some are more equal than others. You might right
24 that down: Some are more equal than others. That's what's
25 happening today.

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27 I actually came out in testimony and I stated that
28 we ought to investigate the Federal government, the State
29 government, the city government, how our people are being
30 treated. This is my position, I'm going to be fighting for
31 my people full-time because I'm fully retired and
32 everything my tribal brother Frank has stated is right on.
33 Right on the button. We're all taught that. Even Mary
34 knows that. And we're also taught, we cannot talk about
35 the (In Native) they're not allowed to talk about us
36 either, and we're not allowed to talk about the wolf tribe.
37 And we're supposed to only know a little bit on our
38 father's side. Now, this is what my Uncle Gilbert Mills
39 told me and that's how most of us are raised. But my
40 grandmother, Emma Mills Howard, told us, like what I have
41 stated previously (In Native), that's what my grandmother
42 told me when we were growing up, and today we know it.

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44 And I'm one of the few individuals that can speak
45 my language too and understand what's happening. And right
46 now, Frank and I are going to the university to learn how
47 to write in Tlingit so we can pass the information down to
48 our younger generation.

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And that's all I'll say about -- it's kind of hard

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1 to say when we talk about -- I didn't know that Glacier Bay
2 was going to come up otherwise I would have better
3 organized what I'm saying this afternoon. But I hope that
4 you will consider -- take into consideration what we have
5 stated to you.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That will be in our
8 transcript.

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10 MR. McKINLEY: Good. And we'll be better
11 prepared and I thank you very much for listening to me.
12 And I thank the Board and Mr. Chairman, Madame Chairman and
13 the Board members for listening to me what I have stated
14 this afternoon.

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. I want to
17 tell you why you're a Native now. You were an Indian all
18 week, when Saturday came you went Native so it stuck with
19 you.

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21 MR. McKINLEY: I'm an American Indian.

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23 MR. STOKES: You know why you were called
24 an Indian?

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26 MR. McKINLEY: No.

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28 MR. STOKES: Columbus got lost and he
29 thought he was in India, look at the Indians and we've
30 been Indians every since.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Be happy he wasn't
33 looking for Turkey.

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35 MR. McKINLEY: Well, another thing, Mr.
36 Chairman, you know, our Tlingit people actually alienated
37 the Russians when they were trying to make war on us in
38 Sitka and we whipped them and when they sold Alaska with us
39 in it, and there's a provision in the treaty section.....

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: In the bill of sale.

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43 MR. McKINLEY: In the treaty section, that
44 we shall not be disturbed, not to be disturbed.

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46 Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: For ever and ever. Boy,
49 is there anybody here with less knowledge that wants to

50 come up and talk to us? Okay, is there any more comments

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1 regarding Glacier Bay? I have a question, just for my own
2 satisfaction realizing the sensitivity, the sense of
3 urgency, the sense of abandonment experienced by the people
4 from Hoonah, to what end is the Federal government working
5 toward with these people? Is this a partial satisfaction,
6 a total satisfaction or a quaalude?

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8 MR. CAPRA: Good question, Mr. Chairman. I
9 can't speak for the whole Federal government.

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's okay. That's
12 okay. I just thought I would ask that because that's in
13 the back of everybody's mind that knows anything about
14 Glacier Bay. We know there's a lot of effort going into
15 that. There's a lot of agony and tears going into that. I
16 just wanted to know if it's going to be -- if they're going
17 to realize anything from that effort.

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19 Mary, are you (In Native)?

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21 MS. RUDOLPH: Yes. I just wanted to
22 mention, you know, there has been a lot of hard times
23 through all the years working with the Park Service. When
24 our people migrated out, like Harold and -- I mean Alfred
25 and Frank said, there was a lot of hardship on our people.
26 Our people, the (In Native) moved to Spasski, and during
27 the winter that place was so windy, so hunters around the
28 other side and when they found this place, it was a code
29 for bear, he says, -- I mean for bear so that's why they
30 made a sacrifice there, worked with the bear. So a lot of
31 our history, there was a lot of hardship. And I remember a
32 few backs they had some kind of meeting in Glacier Bay and
33 my mother was very sick at the time, she was already
34 starting to get sick with this Alzheimer then, and they
35 asked her to go and I talked her into staying, about five
36 minutes or 10 minutes before the boat was ready to go she
37 was all ready, she said, I have to go back. If this is
38 going to be my last time, I have to go back. And she was
39 sick all the way in Glacier Bay but she said, the joy she
40 felt getting off that boat, she said that was all she
41 wanted to feel was to go back to her homeland.

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43 She said she grew up during the years where they
44 moved in either the end of November or the first part of
45 December. She said we didn't have snow boots like you kids
46 had, we didn't have snowsuits like you kids had, we played
47 outside with what we had on. We didn't know we were going
48 to get sick and we didn't care we just played outside. And
49 my brother said my father used to -- my grandfather used to

50 take him to Glacier Bay during a certain time of the winter

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1 when the tide was real high and he would run his boat right
2 up along the water edge when the high tide was really high.
3 And then when it went down, the boat stayed up there until
4 they were ready to go back home which was months later.
5 How my grandfather knew, my brother said, he'd always time
6 it when the boat was just upright, enough for them to
7 leave.

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9 So this history is what I feel, you know, we're
10 losing on trying to give it back to our kids. When we went
11 to the science symposium, like I shared with you, Jim, that
12 we went with my grandkids, there was four generations, my
13 mother, me, my daughter and my grandkids, and we shared the
14 history there at the science symposium. And some of the
15 Park Service people and I think one of them was Bob
16 Schroeder for the State at the time, well, I don't know how
17 these people will receive you people, they're not really
18 notified, they don't really know much about you, they're
19 all busy doing something so we don't know how it's going to
20 go, and there were a few of us that went on a boat to go to
21 this meeting and we performed that night at the meeting.
22 And that place was packed so tight you couldn't move. You
23 couldn't even hear people breathing as we sang our songs
24 and gave our history. And they said that was the most
25 people that they had at one meeting. And after the meeting
26 was over, the people asked to speak with us, they said this
27 was the first time they had seen people out of Glacier Bay.
28 They didn't know that we still existed.

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30 So we're talking about how much it hurts us to talk
31 about it, that's really touching it real lightly. And I
32 remember a few years back when I went up to Anchorage with
33 Wanda and we were talking at the RuralCap meeting and the
34 lawyer, that's now a judge was talking to us and he said,
35 well, you guys gave up Glacier Bay yourself. You don't
36 take food out of there, no one told you not to take food
37 out of there. And Wanda and I really stepped in and told
38 him what we thought and how we felt about the whole thing.
39 But he still wasn't budging. And that tells you the kind
40 of mind that we're dealing with, that the people do not
41 know what it is we're talking about. Our communication is
42 falling along the wayside. So for us to feel as bad as we
43 do is not coming across to the people that are making the
44 decisions.

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46 Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Mary. Thank
49 you, Jim.

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1 MR. CAPRA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And
2 thank you, Mary, Frank, Alfred and Wanda.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, we're going to take
5 an executive five minute Marlboro break.

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7 (Off record)

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9 (On record)

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I got some suggested
12 items for our agenda. Include your children in baking
13 cookies. Police began campaign to run down jaywalkers.
14 Drunk get nine months in the violin case. The Iraq head
15 seeks arms. Prostitutes appeal to Pope. Et cetera, et
16 cetera.

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18 We have coming up -- I don't know if I like DIA, I
19 think I'll use Douglas Indian Association, DIA is a little
20 bit morbid. The Douglas Indian Association requests that
21 their portion be postponed until tomorrow because the
22 Douglas Indian Association is at the location of tonight's
23 dinner getting things ready for your enjoyment and
24 entertainment. And everyone in the building is invited.

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26 I was speaking to Butch and he gave me a partial
27 list of the menu and it's something you just can't afford
28 to miss.

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30 Wait a minute, I'm speaking.

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32 MR. CLARK: We have important business
33 here.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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37 MS. DANGLE: I just wanted to make sure
38 that everybody knows where it is.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's out at the Thaine
41 Oarhouse?

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43 MS. DANGLE: No, it's going to be at Juneau
44 Tlingit-Haida Council, the building out by the hospital.
45 And Fred has told me that there will be vans going out for
46 people who don't have transportation.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How come it's so close to
49 the hospital?

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1 MS. DANGLE: Security and insurance, you
2 know.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Okay, other
5 tribes. Harold Martin.

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7 MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
8 Harold Martin, Southeast Native Subsistence Commission.
9 Members of the Council. I'd just like to give you a brief
10 overview of the activities of the Southeast Native
11 Commission.

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13 The Southeast Native Commission is alive and well
14 and we're still working in cooperation with all other
15 Native subsistence organizations throughout the state as
16 well as the Federal agencies and State agencies. For the
17 past two months our priority has been on Section .809,
18 cooperative agreements and projects which we turned over to
19 you this morning.

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21 There will be a migratory bird workshop at Girdwood
22 in Anchorage on April 24, 25, 26. They will be working on
23 a migratory bird operation manual. I have been invited to
24 attend this workshop.

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26 On the Indigenous People's Council for marine
27 mammals, there will be a Federal oversight hearing in
28 Washington, D.C., on April 6th. I've been invited as one
29 of the delegations to attend this meeting. They will be
30 talking about the reauthorization of the Marine Mammal
31 Protection ACT.

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33 I'm newly appointed to the IPCOM Reauthorization
34 Committee. Sorry to announce that Dolly Garza resigned as
35 president of the Indigenous People's Council for Marine
36 Mammals, we're going to miss here. I think I might be out
37 of line if I talked or said anything about our strategy so
38 I won't say anything about what we're going to do in
39 Washington, D.C.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So you're going to give
42 us an empty report?

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44 MR. MARTIN: Yeah, it's pretty empty.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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48 MR. MARTIN: The Halibut Working Group, I'm
49 still Chairing the Halibut Working Group, we are going to

50 be having a meeting with the North Pacific Fisheries

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1 Management Council on April 10th. My group is going to
2 meet prior to the meeting to decide on the options that
3 came out of the last meeting. We're anticipating a
4 decision in June.

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6 We're currently completing the Tlingit-Haida place
7 names project. This is the third phase, we've completed
8 the rest of the communities. We're working on Hydaburg,
9 Kassan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Juneau and Douglas. And we'd
10 still like to complete Hoonah, they put a stop on us in
11 Hoonah, they wouldn't -- they wouldn't agree to any
12 interviews. It was stopped by one person. But I'm going
13 to be talking to this person, he's a tribal brother.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is she on this Council?

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17 MR. MARTIN: Pardon me?

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is that person on this
20 Council?

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22 MR. MARTIN: No, it's my tribal brother.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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26 MR. MARTIN: I'll be talking to him and let
27 him know how important this is. We anticipate completing
28 this project in July. That's tentatively my retirement
29 date, the end of July.

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31 On the Harbor Seal Commission, I'm still Chairing
32 the Harbor Seal Commission also. Our spring meeting is
33 going to be in Angoon on April 16, 17, 18, 19. We accepted
34 an invitation from the Honorable Mayor of Angoon, Mr. Floyd
35 Kookesh, we thank you Floyd. We're looking forward to this
36 meeting. We had our meeting in Yakutat last April where we
37 signed the co-management agreement with the National Marine
38 Fisheries Service. And the people of Yakutat were very
39 gracious, they took care of us from the time we landed at
40 the airport with transportation, food at the ANB hall.
41 When we signed the co-management agreement, they put a
42 banquet on for us, complete with Indian dancing and the
43 next day they took us up to Hubbard Glacier was a great
44 time and we anticipate another good time in Angoon. We're
45 going to be doing a bio-sampling training for one day.
46 Matt Kookesh is putting together a field trip, we're going
47 to have at least six or seven boats to take the people out
48 doing various things like maybe picking gumboots, digging
49 clams, getting cockles or jigging halibut.

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1 We'd like to extend an invitation to any of the
2 Council members who would like to attend this meeting. Mr.
3 Chairman, this was informational but I'd really like to
4 field any questions you might have.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Questions
7 from the Council.

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9 MR. MARTIN: Thank you.

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So you came here under
12 other tribes, where's your tribal house? Every place.

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14 MR. MARTIN: South Franklin.

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: South Franklin. I think
17 there's a relationship here some place.

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19 MS. GARZA: Bill.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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23 MS. GARZA: So did I hear an official
24 announcement of an impending retirement? Harold.

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26 MR. MARTIN: Tentative.

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28 MS. GARZA: Tentative. So does that mean
29 we have to beg and plead and promise we'll be nice to you
30 from now on or what makes it untentative?

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32 MR. MARTIN: Just the women.

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34 MS. GARZA: We'll let him retire.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'm at a loss here.
37 Department.

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39 MS. GARZA: Other tribes.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, other tribes.

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43 MS. GARZA: Yes.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Other tribes.

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47 MR. LORRIGAN: Good afternoon. Can you
48 hear me?

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yep, you're on.

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1 MR. LORRIGAN: All right. Good afternoon,
2 Council. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Jack
3 Lorrigan, the biologist for the Sitka Tribe. I'd like to
4 thank Douglas Indian Association for hosting the Council
5 here, I appreciate their hospitality. Gunal'cheech.

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7 I'd like to talk about, real quickly, on the
8 proposals for the fisheries projects. It would have been
9 nice to have this project committee comment report
10 beforehand so we could have tailored our proposals a little
11 better and make them more competent. But as far as Sitka
12 Sound goes, even though it's low on the priority list, I
13 know sockeye lakes are taking precedence around the region,
14 we still have concerns about our coho streams with the
15 expanding charter industry starting to target a lot of
16 those areas.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Excuse me, is that our
19 next agenda item, is getting in those projects?

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21 MR. CLARK: Pardon me, Mr. Chairman, when
22 we get into the projects is at the will of the Council. I
23 would suggest that 9D and 9E, which is after the session
24 with -- after the 9C so.....

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, prior to 9F though?

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28 MR. CLARK: Yes.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, we will do that.
31 We'll be spending time -- some time with the session.

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33 MR. LORRIGAN: All right. I'll just give
34 you a quick overview of what we're doing in Sitka.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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38 MR. LORRIGAN: If need be we can take the
39 Salmon Lake proposal and put that under the tribe as that
40 is a sockeye system of great importance to Sitka. And just
41 apparently developing a reputation of being a man of few
42 words, and I'd like to keep that one, so in closing I'd
43 like to thank the Council and hope you all realize that
44 there's an open door invitation to Sitka any time you need
45 to have a meeting.

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. But I hate to
48 remind you, Sitka don't have representation on the Council
49 right now so I don't know if we're going to consider

50 anything that's around Sitka.

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1 MR. LORRIGAN: Okay, we'll tell Herman
2 Kitka you said that.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's the wish of the
5 Council -- thank you, Jack.

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7 MR. LORRIGAN: I've been reminded that
8 Herman has been appointed a lifetime member of the Board,
9 so maybe it would be prudent to come and visit him in Sitka
10 in October.

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It'd be prudent for you
13 guys to let him know you know that.

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15 MR. LORRIGAN: Thank you.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Mr.
18 Coordinator, help.

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20 MR. CLARK: It looks like Alaska Department
21 of Fish and Game is next.

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Boy, I thought you were a
24 visitor.

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26 MR. TUREK: I live here. Good afternoon.
27 I'm Mike Turek with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game,
28 Division of Subsistence, Southeast Region. First of all
29 I'd like to thank the Douglas Indian Association for
30 hosting the meeting, and I'd like to welcome everybody here
31 on the Council to Douglas. And I'll talk a bit about some
32 projects -- a project that we're working on right now and
33 then also some that we have planned in the future.

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35 We're working on right now, our deer hunter surveys
36 in Craig, Klawock and Ketchikan/Saxman. And we have face-
37 to-face surveys in all three of those communities asking
38 people about their deer hunting in 1999. And I've got some
39 -- a brief description of the project and copies of the
40 survey forms. They're -- I have two survey forms here, one
41 is for Craig, Klawock, and the other one is for
42 Ketchikan/Saxman. They're both pretty much the same except
43 for a couple of minor differences in questions. And that
44 survey is going quite well. We have Marvin George and Fred
45 Hamilton doing the surveys for us in Craig and Klawock,
46 they're both tribal members of the Craig IRA and the
47 Klawock IRA and they've worked with us a lot in the past on
48 the marine mammal surveys. And we also have people, two
49 women working for us in Ketchikan, and unfortunately I

50 don't recall their names, I haven't met them. But they're

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1 with Ketchikan Indian Corporation. So the survey is going
2 well. We're getting good cooperation and people are, of
3 course, very interested in deer on Prince of Wales Island,
4 so it is a hot topic. Hopefully by fall we'll have some
5 preliminary data for you on that project.

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7 We also, this fall, we did seven communities on
8 Prince of Wales Island, the household harvest surveys, we
9 completed the island but we don't have that data analyzed
10 yet but that will be ready for you at your fall session.
11 That finishes up the household harvest surveys for Prince
12 of Wales Island, this round.

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14 We're also planning on doing household harvest
15 survey, all the resources in Saxman, probably in April and
16 when we do that we'll be doing 50 randomly selected
17 households in Saxman and we'll be -- also we'll be
18 including a copy of the deer hunter survey that we've done
19 in Ketchikan/Saxman, we'll be including that with these 50
20 households. So we'll have quite a bit of deer data from
21 the Prince of Wales Island for '99 because of the seven
22 communities that we did on Prince of Wales Island, Craig
23 and Klawock and then Ketchikan/Saxman. So we'll have some
24 more deer data for you to look at.

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26 Also next -- probably late fall or early winter
27 we're planning on doing household harvest surveys in
28 Petersburg and Wrangell. And we'll be doing the
29 preparatory work for that probably sometime this spring.
30 They're large communities and so there's a lot of
31 preparatory work that involves mapping of the communities,
32 of the households so we can do a random selection of
33 households there. And so that's also on schedule.

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35 And then we're also going to be doing our marine
36 mammal hunter surveys again starting in May. And this is
37 -- we'll be getting funded again after a couple of years of
38 not having funding for that. National Marine Fisheries
39 Service funds that, and they're funding us again for a
40 three year project. And part of this project is we're
41 going to be in the process of turning over the survey to
42 the Alaska Native Marine Mammal Commission. And also I'll
43 be working with the local communities so they'll be more
44 involved with the survey. In three years we hope to do is
45 have the Marine Mammal Commission actually running the
46 survey, hiring the local researchers and supervising them,
47 statewide. At that point we may, the Department -- the
48 Division may continue to do the data analysis but -- and
49 help oversee the operation but it will be primarily in the

50 hands of the Marine Mammal Commission. And so that's the

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1 kind of thing that we think might be a real good model for
2 the Federal program with the fisheries matter, subsistence
3 fisheries, where the local communities are much -- are
4 actually the ones contracting by the Federal government to
5 do these projects and perhaps in cooperation with us for
6 some oversight and technical oversight. So we want to get
7 out of the business of us hiring the local people and have
8 those directly contracted with the Federal agency that is
9 running the project. And so we see the Marine Mammal
10 Commission taking over the harbor seal survey as a good
11 example of that.

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13 And I think that's all I have. If you have any
14 questions, and I'll pass these out when I get done.

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Why do you want to get
17 out of the monitoring business?

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19 MR. TUREK: It's not that we want to get
20 out of the monitoring business, we want to get out of the
21 business of hiring the locals for a number of reasons. We
22 think it'd be better if that is contracted with the local,
23 either tribe or community, and where they do the hiring of
24 the local monitors. I think it's important for the tribes
25 to get more involved with that sort of thing. Also for us,
26 it's -- the way the Department is set up, it's not really
27 set up well for these real short term hires for these
28 projects, like the marine mammal survey or the household
29 harvest survey. We usually hire people for maybe a month
30 to three -- to maybe three pay periods, two to three pay
31 periods, and the way the Department's hiring practices are
32 set up, that creates a lot of paperwork for that short-term
33 hire.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, what's the purpose
36 of the marine mammal survey?

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38 MR. TUREK: That's to get the numbers of
39 seals and sea lions harvested by Natives in coastal Alaska.
40 And that's proven to be very helpful to Natives in Alaska
41 when the question of whether or not in Alaska they were
42 reaching the limit of harvest of seals.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: A danger limit, uh?

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46 MR. TUREK: Pardon?

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: A danger low?

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MR. TUREK: There's fewer seals harvested

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1 than I think a lot of the scientists thought. They thought
2 that since there are no bag limits, there are no season,
3 then that means that everybody'd be out there, all the
4 Natives would be out there just whacking away at seals, and
5 what our research has shown is that's not true. The
6 traditional harvest pattern continues, the Natives manage
7 the resource quite well, they get only the amount of seals
8 that they need, and they get them at the proper time of the
9 year. And there's no bag limit and no seasons and yet,
10 they do this on their -- the Natives do this on their own
11 because they're following their traditional practices. And
12 so our surveys were able to prove that to National Marine
13 Fisheries Services, that, you know, you need to have bag
14 limits or seasons for these -- for this type of hunting
15 because the Natives manage it themselves quite well.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, I'm impressed of
18 the intellectual level of the scientists being able to
19 learn that.

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21 MR. TUREK: Well, it took them a while to
22 accept this but they finally accepted it.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, it takes time. It
25 takes time.

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27 MR. TUREK: So that's been very successful.
28 So we'd like to see -- we see that as a good model of
29 Subsistence Division working with the local communities and
30 tribes along with the Federal agency who is funding these
31 projects.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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35 MS. GARZA: Yeah, it should be the Alaska
36 Native Harbor Seal Commission because there is no large
37 marine mammal commission. They're broken down mostly by
38 species. But in terms of sending that work out to the
39 local areas, is exactly what the Sea Otter/Sea Lion
40 Commission has done in its co-management efforts. And the
41 real value is that even if we're paying somebody a paltry
42 amount, you know, of hundreds or several thousand, what
43 that does is it empowers the tribes so that when they do
44 things like apply for these fishery monitoring projects,
45 they have under their belt, a demonstration of projects
46 that they have completed. And so Sitka Tribe has developed
47 several projects. Yakutat has done several projects. When
48 it comes to, okay, we want to do our fishery monitoring
49 projects and we have an agency person that says, yeah, but

50 can you guys handle it, they can say, of course, we do our

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1 sea otter surveys, we do our harbor seals, we do
2 necropsies, we do whatever, along those lines, and it's
3 really a process of empowerment, and I think it's great
4 that we are moving in that direction for harbor seals.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mary. Oh, Mary.

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8 MS. RUDOLPH: I know one of the things that
9 they talked about was a sea lions that where killing off
10 because there were too many of them and there was a
11 protection for the sea lions, and where -- even the sea
12 otters are eating up the clams and the gumboots and
13 different things. And the sea lions were intercepting the
14 fish as they were moving into the Indian Islands in there.
15 At least that's what our elders were talking about when
16 they talked at one meeting, where they felt there was too
17 much protection for the sea lion. And I know some people
18 have talked about going out and doing some hunting for
19 otter, but then as I spoke before, I think I mentioned that
20 there was no way to get rid of the otter once they got it,
21 so our hands were tied. And so there hasn't been that much
22 interest in trying to do a lot of sea otter, you know, you
23 get quite a bit moving into Hoonah where they're coming up
24 on the beaches and going by the houses and living on the
25 docks.

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27 So I was wondering is there any way that the tribes
28 can work with that, in getting maybe some kind of opening
29 into the regulations on otter and even the sea lions, on
30 what they're doing out there, because there is, I guess,
31 where they've actually pushed seals off the rocks from what
32 I understand?

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34 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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38 MS. GARZA: I'll respond to that. Alaska
39 Natives can harvest sea otters right now with no season and
40 no bag limit. So you are welcome to harvest sea otters
41 provided that your take is -- there is no wanton and waste.
42 And so we can't have issues where people are killing sea
43 otters and just leaving them because they're taking our
44 abalone, our crabs or whatever, and I understand that is
45 becoming an issue in some areas, however, in Hoonah area,
46 you're welcome to take -- to hunt sea otter. The issue we
47 found in -- pretty much a statewide issue is sea otters are
48 costly to process. It takes somewhere between 75 and \$105
49 to tan one hide. And so if you're looking at a village

50 economy, you can tan a seal for like \$35 and a sea otter

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1 for 105 so we have far more hunters of seals because with
2 seal you get the meat, you get the blubber and you get a
3 nice pelt that someone can sew and produce something with
4 and with sea otters you're limited to that pelt and we
5 have, because of animal rights issues, we have a very
6 limited market. And so it's been our concern as the Sea
7 Otter Commission, of how do we go about developing markets
8 and opportunity so that we can increase the harvest.

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10 If you look at sea otters statewide there have been
11 several areas where populations have significantly dropped.
12 Harold talked about that. Actually, yeah, it was at the
13 Fish and Wildlife Service meeting yesterday. In Cordova
14 we've had one significant decline and we speculated is
15 because they basically ate themselves out of house and
16 home. In Southeast there's lots of house and home but
17 what we've seen is that they'll come in, basically destroy
18 an area, if that's your subsistence cockle bed then that's
19 too bad for you and then they'll move on to another area.
20 So what we need to work on is how to get markets going for
21 them so that we can get people hunting out there.

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23 But there are no restrictions on hunting sea otters
24 per se. I don't know if there are restrictions on hunting
25 sea otters in Glacier Bay or if they go up into that area
26 because of silt issues. But if they're in the area right
27 around Hoonah Sound, you can take them.

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29 In regards to sea lion, sea lion as a whole have
30 dropped down to seriously low levels, they are now listed
31 under the Endangered Species Act. Even with that listing,
32 Alaska Natives continue to hunt for sea lions and they have
33 that legal right. We find that that hunting is much more
34 prevalent up in St. George, St. Paul and in the western
35 part of the Aleutians and not so much in Southeast. Mike
36 Turek's data, I'll call it his data because he's the one
37 who is sitting in front of us, but the subsistence data has
38 demonstrated that not many sea lions are taken out of
39 Southeast, maybe one or two or three a year. When we've
40 talked to hunters about it, I've had it explained to me,
41 because they weren't raised hunting it, they're not sure
42 how to use it, and because of their respect, they're not
43 simply going to hunt it just to get rid of it or they don't
44 want to hunt it until they know what to do with it. So
45 we've had a much lower hunt of sea lion. Although the
46 interest is certainly increasing.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Seal otter and adobo (ph)
49 really good.

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1 MS. GARZA: I think we had seal adobo in
2 Haines.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh.
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6 MS. GARZA: But the other issue on harbor
7 seal was that one of the reasons why that harvest data was
8 important was that under MMPA, we looked at the total
9 population of seals. There was concern that the stock from
10 the eastern Gulf of Alaska, which is like Cordova, Prince
11 William Sound area, south had dropped. It wasn't that much
12 of an issue in Southeast directly, but a big issue in
13 Prince William Sound area. However, because we're
14 considered the same seal population there was concern that
15 our harvest was, indeed, effecting that population level.
16 And so that was where that data became very important, was
17 we were able to demonstrate that, at least, in Southeast,
18 we were not negatively impacting the population. And if we
19 didn't have that data, I think that they could have
20 continued to say that we were the cause of that decline.

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, sir.
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24 MR. TUREK: Gunal'cheech.
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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Gunal'cheech yourself.
27 Forest Service left out part of their report so we're going
28 to bring them back to finish that up a little bit.
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30 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, could I just do
31 this from right here?
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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, the least
34 embarrassing.
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36 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
37 Chairman and Council. I do want to apologize, there was a
38 significant decision made by the Federal Subsistence Board
39 recently in an emergency closure for Unit 2, wolf. This was
40 in response to a guideline that was adopted approximately
41 two years ago by this Council and ultimately adopted by the
42 Board to restrict the harvest of wolves in Unit 2 to 25
43 percent of the estimated population. The estimated
44 population in Unit 2 is 350 wolves.
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46 The State instituted -- ADF&G instituted an
47 emergency closure, I believe it was February 28th
48 approximately. And at that point we had reached the
49 approximately 90 wolves that had been harvested, and so

50 consequently the Department initiated contact with the

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1 Board and the Board passed a similar emergency closure.

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3 That concludes my mistake, Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Any questions
6 regarding the emergency wolf closure?

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8 MS. LeCORNUE: When you say, Board, is that
9 the Federal Subsistence Board?

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11 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, again, it was the
12 Federal Subsistence Board that passed that emergency
13 closure on the Fed side.

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15 MS. LeCORNUE: Thank you.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: They called me and asked
18 for my concurrence and got it. Okay, that takes care of
19 Tab V. Mr. Coordinator.

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21 MR. CLARK: The Council decided to wait to
22 hear more on the annual report until a subcommittee had a
23 chance to meet. That subcommittee did meet this morning.
24 If the Council would like to hear what that group came up
25 with I could provide that information now.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Anybody interested in the
28 report?

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30 MR. CLARK: Don't everybody jump right in.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, Mary, wants to hear
33 it so let's hear it.

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35 MR. CLARK: Okay.

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37 MR. ADAMS: And the rest of us, too?

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, no, you got to tough
40 it out, it's all Mary's fault.

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42 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.

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46 MR. CLARK: Members of the Council. I
47 learned something at the traditional knowledge and Western
48 science conference about breathing so I'm practicing, hear
49 me, it was from Bob in Sitka. And he started his

50 presentation with something like; these are not my words,

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1 these are the words of my grandfather.

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3 So I can start something like; these are not my
4 words, these are the words of the Council members. Okay.
5 So essentially the Council members came up with seven
6 issues, seven items as kind of a first line brainstorming
7 idea for items to go into the annual report for this year.
8 The first is that the Federal Subsistence Board should
9 include rural residents plus Native and other customary and
10 traditional resource users who live in urban communities.
11 It's kind of the rural plus sort of approach.

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13 The second is that bag limits.....

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Read that again.

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17 MR. CLARK: The Federal Subsistence Board
18 should include Federal residents plus Native and other
19 customary and traditional resource users who live in urban
20 communities who live in urban communities within the
21 program.

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23 MS. GARZA: Federal residents?

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25 MR. CLARK: Urban residents.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is there an elaboration
28 on considered?

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30 MR. CLARK: Consider, should include.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is there an elaboration
33 on include?

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35 MR. CLARK: Within the Federal subsistence
36 program. The idea is that rural residents, Native people
37 who are customary and traditional users and other
38 traditional resource users in the state should be included
39 within the jurisdiction of the Federal Subsistence Program,
40 they should be recognized as customary and traditional
41 users. Does that capture it?

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43 Okay.

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45 The second one, is that, bag limits for subsistence
46 should be evaluated on the basis of the needs of
47 subsistence users.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is there a suggestion

50 that they aren't now?

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1 MR. CLARK: I think that is inherent in
2 that statement.

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4 MS. PHILLIPS: For fisheries.

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6 MR. CLARK: For fisheries. Was that what
7 the committee had in mind, was that this was in reference
8 specifically to fisheries or is this in reference to both
9 fish and game.

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11 MS. LeCORNUE: Can you read that back, Fred,
12 I'm sorry.

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14 MR. CLARK: Bag limits for subsistence
15 should be evaluated on the basis of the needs of
16 subsistence users.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It sounds like somebody
19 is sitting on another advisory committee.

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21 MS. LeCORNUE: I think that would include
22 all uses. I don't know what the Council thinks.

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24 MS. GARZA: Well, when we talked about it
25 this morning it was all. Because the concern we had was
26 that when we took over State regulations, that they
27 basically -- if they weren't meeting subsistence when we
28 took them over, they're not meeting subsistence now and
29 that we need to have some type of an evaluation to see
30 where the hole are and where we need to improve the bag
31 limits and regulations to the benefit of subsistence users.

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33 MR. CLARK: Any more questions on that
34 before I move to number 3?

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No.

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38 MR. CLARK: Number 3. Applications of
39 Section .804 are approaching. Especially for Prince of
40 Wales and for deer, in particular, but also for other areas
41 of the region, Kake and Hoonah for instance. They -- the
42 committee talked about some elements of the reasons why
43 these .804 applications may be coming and for the benefit
44 of some of the audience who aren't familiar with Section
45 .804, that's kind of a bottom line differentiation between
46 subsistence users that's in ANILCA; in times of shortage,
47 communities can be broken down into subgroups for the
48 purposes of allocation of -- and access to the resources.
49 So some of these elements include habitat, specifically

50 having to do with clear-cut logging, hunting pressure

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1 because of different distribution of people within the
2 region, different sorts of competition, wolves are also an
3 issue and roads, a lot of roads around. Any questions on
4 the .804 part?

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6 MS. WILSON: Could you read that over
7 again, the exact wording?

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9 MR. CLARK: Sure. Applications of Section
10 .804 of ANILCA are on the way. Especially for Prince of
11 Wales Island and for deer, in particular, but also for
12 other areas of the region -- we might add, possible for
13 other species, too, and they talked about the communities
14 of Kake and Hoonah as being kind of on the verge as well.

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16 MS. GARZA: And I think part of what I
17 would like to see as a request in that letter is that this
18 Council and perhaps other Councils need guidance or
19 training on how to start looking at .804. I mean the two
20 issues that we faced this morning and yesterday afternoon,
21 we summarized as .804 issues and we just don't know how to
22 face correctly. How do we provide the opportunity for
23 customary and traditional uses within a larger body of
24 users. And so I don't know if there are areas where that
25 has been done and if we can have Staff members pull some
26 information together so that we can review it and share it
27 will people so we know how to submit those types of
28 proposals or requests correctly.

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30 MS. LeCORNU: Mr. Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

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34 MS. LeCORNU: And the reason this annual
35 report will help, it will help us in those efforts because
36 it will give us an identification of current and
37 anticipated uses of fish and wildlife within the region and
38 evaluation of current and anticipated subsistence needs for
39 fish and wildlife. So we need to identify the users and
40 anticipated needs. So I don't know how we're going to
41 accomplish that but that will greatly help us in finding
42 out if those needs are being met. So I really don't know
43 how we will accomplish that but I hope that will be part of
44 this report.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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48 MR. CLARK: Noted. Number 4, the Council
49 will be looking at recommending restrictions on charters

50 and other non-subsistence users in fresh water streams

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1 under Federal jurisdiction. I think the idea here is that
2 there are a lot of non-subsistence uses that are going on
3 within the fresh waters that are under Federal jurisdiction
4 now. And some of those uses include charter boat
5 operations and the Council would be looking at those
6 closely.

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8 Number 5. Do we need more or additional Council
9 participation in statewide fisheries project development
10 and program orientation. The Council wants a voice in -- a
11 stronger voice in developing the fisheries program,
12 subsistence fisheries program. That had to do also with
13 the feedback, I believe, that the Council's been getting
14 from the other Council chairs who have been part of that
15 program for that process.

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17 Number 6. Community involvement is key to this
18 process. Need to look at additional ways to assist in
19 public outreach and information distribution at the local
20 level.

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22 Does that kind of capture what the committee had in
23 mind?

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25 MS. LeCORNu: Can you say that again, Fred.

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27 MR. CLARK: Community involvement is key to
28 the program so we need to look for additional ways to
29 assist in public outrage -- outreach and information
30 distribution at the local level. We're not looking for
31 outrage, just outreach.

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33 Okay, number 7. Take a whole approach in fisheries
34 from headwaters and habitat on the terrestrial side to the
35 ocean. Look at the whole life cycles of fish.

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37 Okay.

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39 And then there was an additional one, number 8,
40 that we will probably add after this meeting is closer to
41 completion and that has to do with the subsistence
42 fisheries information projects. We'll probably put in the
43 annual report what the Council comes up with regards to the
44 proposed projects.

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46 And that concludes the list from the committee.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Questions. Comments.

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MR. CLARK: Or additions.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Additions.

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3 MS. LeCORNU: I have a question.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

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7 MS. LeCORNU: I just want to know if we
8 could maybe request the Staff now to assist us in finding
9 those anticipated needs and identification and evaluation
10 and recommended -- if we could request Staff to start this
11 process, and then maybe that would be a request to the
12 Secretary.

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14 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, Vicki, I think
15 you'll find out as you hear more about the proposed
16 projects, that a lot of those proposed projects are going
17 to go right specifically to that issue.

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19 MS. LeCORNU: Uh-huh.

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21 MR. CLARK: So you might want to wait until
22 you hear about those.

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24 MS. LeCORNU: I don't see them in the
25 present projects, Fred, and so that's why I say, I want to
26 see the future needs addressed. That monitoring is not the
27 same as asking what do you need? What does your community
28 need? And that doesn't mean just fish, it means berries
29 and cedar bark and all uses. So I want to see it
30 comprehensive in that manner.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. What's the wish of
33 the Council. Let's talk about that so it isn't just a one-
34 person issue. If we got nothing to say about it then we'll
35 have to leave the voice of that one person to come up with
36 more specifics so that we don't wind up putting words in
37 your mouth.

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39 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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43 MS. WILSON: Well, when we come to the
44 projects part of this, it seems like that would be brought
45 up on how we can assess then to monitor and so forth and to
46 involve our tribal peoples, too. That should come up.....

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So we can proceed until
49 we get to that part.

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1 MS. WILSON: Yes.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, that sounds like an
4 approach to me. Thank you, Fred. Other new business.

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6 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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10 MS. WILSON: Do we need a motion to accept
11 this part of the annual report or do we continue later,
12 which we are, I think?

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I don't think we're done
15 with it yet.

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17 MS. LeCORNU: Yeah, I agree. I think we
18 need to include those things that will make those
19 identifications clear.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're just taking time
22 out to look bewildered right now and then we'll come back
23 to it.

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25 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I need some help on other
28 new business.

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30 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I believe that
31 we're on 9D, call for proposals to change Federal
32 subsistence fisheries regulations.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Are you going to
35 get us out of bewildered state?

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37 MR. KNAUER: Well, I don't know we're going
38 to talk about fish. As you're aware, the Federal program
39 did expand jurisdiction on October 1 to fisheries. And
40 like we did with the wildlife program, as a starting point
41 we utilized the existing State subsistence regulations, for
42 a couple of reasons. One, we didn't have a structure in
43 place to be able to handle a deluge of changes this first
44 year. We didn't have the information. We don't want to
45 jeopardize the resources upon which folks depend. And in
46 some cases, they -- the regulations out there might be
47 appropriate, in some areas. In other areas we know they're
48 not. So in this first year, of course, the regulations
49 mirror the State subsistence regulations.

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1 But we also have instituted a process, like we have
2 been going through on wildlife where we will solicit
3 proposals each year for modification to the customary and
4 traditional use determinations, the harvest limits, the
5 methods and means and so on. And that process, this call
6 for proposal period is now open and will remain open
7 through March 27th.

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9 We have on the table back there and also in the
10 fisheries booklet and on our website, the proposal form
11 that Council members, members of the public, other
12 organizations can utilize to present proposals for changes
13 in our regulations.

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15 Also the new regulations, which many of you have
16 seen, you will all be getting copies in the mail have just
17 come out, literally, off the printer, it is also on our
18 website. This entire document is on our website as well as
19 the maps that are in it. And we are hoping that there will
20 be a thorough examination of this by folks and if they see
21 areas that they believe need to be modified that they will
22 submit proposals.

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24 Of course, all the proposals that we receive will
25 be consolidated into a single document put out for public
26 review and come back before the Council as the wildlife
27 proposals have done.

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29 Do you have any questions?

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I have a question. I
32 think regarding meeting schedules, okay, so the Board's
33 going to have their wildlife meeting in May?

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35 MR. KNAUER: That's correct.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And their fisheries
38 meeting in the fall?

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40 MR. KNAUER: And the fisheries meeting will
41 be in early December.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Early December.

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45 MR. KNAUER: Uh-huh.

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's anticipated for
48 the Council meetings?

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MR. KNAUER: The Council meeting will still

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1 be on a fall and a winter cycle. With the -- the winter
2 cycle, in other words this meeting being devoted to
3 examining each of the wildlife proposals, the fall meeting,
4 a large part of it will be devoted to examining each
5 fishery proposal.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Will the proposal
8 period for wildlife remain the same?

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10 MR. KNAUER: Yes.

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And the proposal period
13 for fisheries, again, will be?

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15 MR. KNAUER: It will be probably from about
16 the beginning of January through the end of the Council
17 meeting period in the winter, so roughly January, February,
18 March.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So does that mean then
21 that we're going to address wildlife once and fisheries
22 once as a Council?

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24 MR. KNAUER: There will always be
25 opportunities at each meeting to cover the other thing.
26 Just like in the fall meeting, there are wildlife issues
27 because that's the call for proposal period for wildlife.
28 The winter meeting will be the call for proposal period for
29 fish. And it will be a continual revolving and rolling
30 cycle.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'm just impressed with
33 the confidence with all this.

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35 MR. KNAUER: We're aware of the efficiency
36 that the Council's have operated and we have faith.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I can see the faith all
39 right. Okay, that answered my questions. Marilyn.

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41 MS. WILSON: Could I see that book you just
42 showed us, I didn't see it?

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It just came off the
45 press, it's still warm.

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47 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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49 MR. KNAUER: We brought some down and I

50 know we had hoped to have enough for everybody but I think

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1 a few of them disappeared into the audience before the
2 Council members got one but there is one in the mail to
3 each of you, personally. Personally autographed. These
4 are also, by the way, being sent out to all of the licensed
5 vendors and the Native organizations around the state as
6 well as the Federal offices and the fisheries organizations
7 and the State organizations and so on.

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9 MS. RUDOLPH: Mr. Chairman, could I ask
10 something.

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mary.

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14 MS. RUDOLPH: Yes, I was wondering on the
15 booklet, the regulations are already there now so there is
16 no changes -- if there's any comment on it or.....

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18 MR. KNAUER: There were -- in Southeast,
19 there were two changes that this Council had recommended
20 that are different from the State. One is this Council
21 recommended that for customary and traditional use, that
22 all species of salmon be recognized. That was adopted in
23 these regulations. The other change is that this Council
24 recommended that the one fin be removed for identification
25 of subsistence salmon be changed because it interfered with
26 the traditional way of cutting and hanging salmon. That
27 change was made. So those are the two differences that
28 were in place.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's the change?

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32 MR. KNAUER: Dorsal.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The coddle fin's the
35 tail, right?

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37 MR. KNAUER: The coddle fin's the tail,
38 yes.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How come you just didn't
41 say tail. Pectoral, dorsal, anaerobic. I thought you had
42 that off the top of your head that's why I asked that.

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44 MR. KNAUER: No, Mr. Chairman.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You looked really
47 informed when I sprung that on you.

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49 MR. KNAUER: Well, I'm aware that the

50 coddle fin is the tail and the dorsal fin is the top back

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1 fin and so on.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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5 MR. KNAUER: But what I don't know is which
6 one it was changed from and which one it was changed to.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, okay.

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10 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, under the
11 Federal regulations you have to remove the pelvic fin,
12 under the State regs it's the dorsal fin.

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's the toughest one
15 to get off of there. Pelvic.

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17 MR. KNAUER: That's the one you all
18 suggested, we just figured you guys down here were tough.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You should have had a
21 skeleton so that we would know the anatomy of one of these.
22 Okay, continue. I've just replaced my bewilderment with
23 frustration.

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25 MR. KNAUER: That's all I have, Mr.
26 Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's all. Okay.
29 Questions. Floyd, you look like you got a real good one
30 there. No. Marilyn.

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32 MS. WILSON: I have a simple question, I
33 hope. Isn't this what we drew up a couple years ago in
34 April?

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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38 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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40 MR. KNAUER: And now is your chance to, you
41 know, propose changes from it. In other words, if you
42 think that something is incorrect in your area and needs
43 modified, now is the time, through the 27th, to submit
44 proposals to make those changes, just like you would with
45 wildlife. If you think the harvest limit should be, I
46 don't know, 27 instead of 25, now's the time to.....

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Two hundred and fifty.

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MR. KNAUER: Yeah, whatever.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Greg.

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3 MR. BOSS: Mr. Chairman, I was just going
4 to try to clarify, I think, what Bill just did. If, as a
5 Council, you want to propose some specific changes to the
6 regulations that are in this book for Southeast, this
7 meeting is the time to do that. Individually -- individual
8 Council members can propose changes up through the 27th of
9 March. During the summer, the Staff will be preparing
10 analysis of the proposals that were received from the
11 Councils and from the public at large. In the fall, we'll
12 come back before you with a proposal analysis on fish
13 proposals in the same way that we did at this meeting for
14 wildlife proposals, you see. So in the fall meeting you'll
15 be developing your recommendations to the Federal Board on
16 the proposals that were submitted up through March of this
17 year.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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21 MR. KNAUER: And I would point out that
22 this will be a continuing annual process. There will be
23 this opportunity to request changes both the Council and
24 the individuals and other organizations on an annual basis.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Dolly.

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28 MS. GARZA: This is kind of a big picture
29 question but, you know, I don't have the document in hand
30 but I'm assuming that the majority of the document is the
31 regulations for subsistence take of fishery resources. And
32 while that is good, I know that a lot of the concern from
33 the users is that, as Vicki stated earlier, we don't get
34 what we need and, in part, that's because of competition.
35 And so when I think of the coho issue over in Sitka, I
36 don't see how changing the subsistence coho regulation will
37 benefit locals if we still have that charter fleet in there
38 taking coho so we need to discuss what the process is. It
39 obviously will not be through this proposal process, but
40 how do we create the dialogue so that we can give
41 direction, either to our Chairman or through the Federal
42 Subsistence Board, to get this kind of information to the
43 State, who has basically been unwilling to listen to these
44 concerns. However, it's fundamentally a subsistence issue
45 when the bottom line is our customary and traditional users
46 no longer have access if they have to combat with other
47 people to get into the same streams.

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49 MR. KNAUER: The first part will be to make

50 sure that the subsistence regulations that provide what you

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1 need are in place. After that, there will necessary be a
2 dialogue between the Federal and State managers to make
3 sure that those resources are available both for escapement
4 and also for the subsistence user. Now, where the State
5 goes with their allocation process is something that, you
6 know, they're going to have to debate. And if the
7 situation comes to in the waters that the Federal
8 government is managing, if it comes to a situation like it
9 did at one time down on the Stikine where other users have
10 to be excluded to assure the subsistence user, the priority
11 there, that is a prerogative of the Board.

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13 I would hope that in most areas it doesn't have to
14 come to that.

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16 MS. LeCORNNU: Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

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20 MS. LeCORNNU: I think a first part of that
21 has to be the identification of those needs. So to me that
22 would come before the -- before you knew what you proposed,
23 you would know what you needed and then you'd propose it.
24 So to me that could also be handled in the annual report.
25 And we did put a little bit of that in there, Dolly, on the
26 offshore uses so I think we can address it there, too.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Further questions.

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30 MS. LeCORNNU: I have a hard time figuring
31 out the map, you know. I need a really big map to find out
32 -- because it's not clear to me what areas included.

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34 MR. KNAUER: In general, in Southeast, if
35 you draw a straight line from headland to headland across
36 the mouth of the river and go upstream, if it's within the
37 boundaries of the -- overall boundaries of the Forest, then
38 that is within the Federal jurisdiction. If you're seaward
39 of that boundary, then that is not Federal jurisdiction.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: If you had a timberline
42 on a delta, would you be safer to measure from the tree or
43 the mud?

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45 MR. KNAUER: I think we'd have to see
46 something on the ground and talk with the Forest folks to
47 figure out exactly where.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, but you got some

50 rivers that have pretty extensive mud flats out beyond that

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1 and at low tides it's all fresh water but then I think
2 there's a title consideration there, too.

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4 MR. KNAUER: The -- in this regard there is
5 no title consideration.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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9 MR. KNAUER: It is just headland to
10 headland and that's normally considered where your upland
11 vegetation starts not where your sea lettuce or stuff like
12 that is exposed.

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Where the abalone used to
15 be?

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17 MR. KNAUER: Right.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, thank you. Do we
20 have anything pressing for today? Because if there's
21 things we can do tomorrow, because we got people that want
22 to get up dressed up for the dinner.

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24 MS. GARZA: Move to recess.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Move to recess, non-
27 debatable, we'll recess until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow.

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29 MR. CLARK: Cool.

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31 (PROCEEDINGS TO BE CONTINUED)

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